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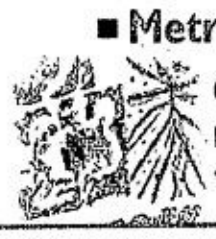

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Grade school whiz kids show math is easy as 1-2-3

By Volt Contreras

WHO'S afraid of math? Certainly not these grade school kids whose recent achievements abroad should make our education officials rethink the traditional methods of teaching numbers.

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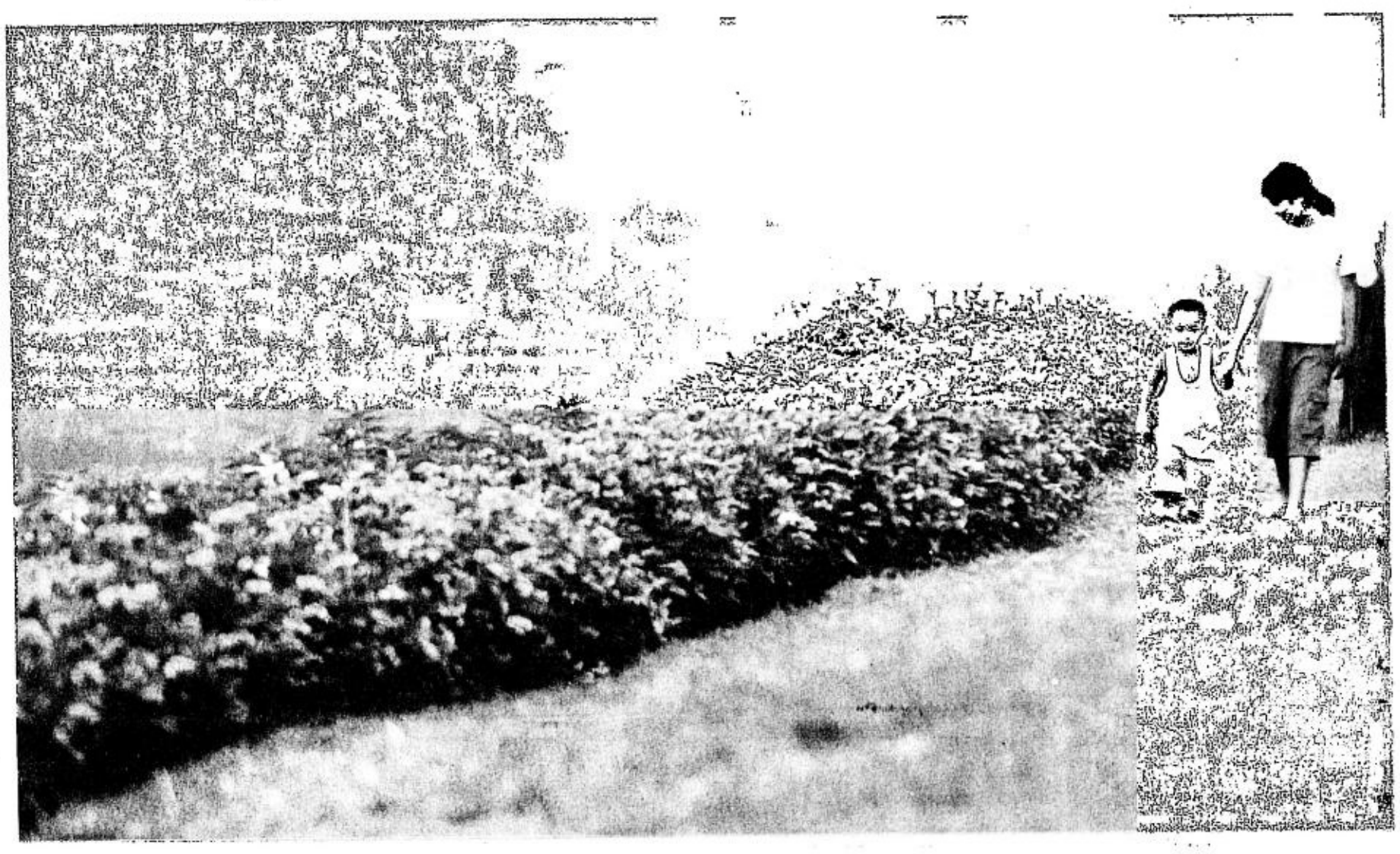

LIFE ON THE EDGE
Life is not so bad along the banks of the Marikina River, where residents get to take a stroll, smell the flowers and be reminded that their environment-friendly city is worthy of mention in today's celebration of World Environment Day.
REM ZAMORA

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.
in Manila
and Villamor Visaya Jr.
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

A LAWMAKER implicated in the "jueteng" scandal is seeking the formation of a "truth commission" to consolidate the ongoing inquiries under a single fact-finding body.

"With four simultaneous, well-publicized investigations—in the House of Representatives, the Senate, Department of Justice and National Bureau of Investigation—it's like the nation is watching four sex scandal videos... It is starting to confuse rather than clarify," said Albay Rep. Joey Salceda, who serves as an economic adviser to President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Salceda proposed that an independent panel of retired justices be formed to look into the roots and extent of jueteng in the country, similar to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on apartheid formed by South African leader Nelson Mandela.

Salceda said Congress was not capable of putting closure to the scandal given "its dismal record in investigations, largely due to the many tasks on its plate."

He added: "Political bodies are susceptible to politicking and are largely perceived to be inevitably politicized.

"A panel of retired justices would have the stature, and their findings would be more widely respected. Such a commission will be less politicized, as all the four investigations are suspected to be."

Salceda said a truth commission could dispense with "interparliamentary courtesy" and concentrate on fact-finding even when media attention shall have waned.

"The proceedings would be unimpeded, and a closure is more likely," he said. "I hope that all these investigations come up empty, or be set aside eventually for the next hot scandal. It is necessary that something positive come from all these negative events."

Salceda was one of four lawmakers—including the President's eldest child, Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo—who were named by confessed jueteng operator Wilfredo

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GMA shrugs off scandals, vows more reforms

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday shrugged off constant coup rumors, her sagging popularity and corruption allegations against her family, vowing to implement more reforms to kick-start the economy.

Ms Arroyo was generally upbeat in a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, reiterating "total commitment" to the war against terrorism, lauding increased cooperation with China that has yielded a nearly $5-billion trade surplus for the Philippines, and promising to cut red tape and improve infrastructure.

She said she would start a series of visits on June 20 to Hong Kong, Singapore and Japan to encourage businessmen to invest in the country.

Constitutionally prohibited from seeking another term, Ms Arroyo promised to implement needed reforms no matter the political fallout.

Her approval rating has dropped to an all-time low, according to a poll released Friday that said 59 percent of respondents said they were dissatisfied with her performance. Only 26 percent said they were satisfied.

Asked if her fall in the approval ratings might be used to stir up political unrest, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said that "some people might capitalize on this... but I believe our people are tired of disorder. If they are suffering now, the least we

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PCSO's lotto losing out to 'jueteng'–Morato

By Jerry E. Esplanada

LOTTO last year made over P10 billion, one-third of which went to government projects.

But it's no cause for celebration, said Manuel "Manoling" L. Morato, currently director of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, which operates the state-run daily numbers game.

Lotto sales "should be hitting P20 billion already," Morato told the INQUIRER.

"The lotto queues then were like a huge snake, several blocks long. Today, hardly anyone has to fall in line," he lamented.

More bad news. Ten years after the numbers game was introduced here, lotto outlets can be found in only 30 percent of population centers nationwide.

Morato, who was PCSO chair and general manager during the Ramos administration, put the blame on "local officials who have been blocking lotto operations for a very obvious reason—to protect their *jueteng* interests."

"There are mayors who, to this day, do not issue permits to lotto applicants wishing to put up lotto outlets in their towns and cities," he said.

Morato did not name names. But he pointed out that "wherever jueteng is strong, opposition to lotto is likewise strong."

"This is one big reason why the rolling out of lotto outlets in Luzon and the Visayas-Mindanao areas was delayed, aside from the fact that we indeed have a problem with our telecommunications providers," he said.

Also to blame, Morato said, were his "PCSO successors [during the Estrada administration] who slowed down on lotto. Instead of intensifying it, they simply coasted along, which actually allowed jueteng to strengthen again."

He recalled that during the early years of lotto, he was "the one thrown at the frontline to face the controversies that erupted when it was being opposed in many areas."

"It later became clear to me that the local officials were against lotto for very obvious reasons. They were protecting illegal jueteng and masiao in their areas. Wherever jueteng was strong, opposition to lotto was, likewise, strong," said Morato.

Today, the situation has not changed much, he said.

Morato said that England and the Philippines started lotto at about the same time—in November 1994 and February 1995, respectively.

In only three years, he said, "England had 45,000 outlets put in place, while we only have a little over 2,000 in the entire country since we started 10 years ago."

Lotto is operated in more than 120 countries worldwide where it is used to

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WORLD NEWSPAPER CONGRESS
INQUIRER President Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez addresses the recent 58th World Newspaper Congress in Seoul where she outlined how the INQUIRER is making use of digital technology. On the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the printed medium, the World Association of Newspapers also awarded the Golden Pen of Freedom to Mahgoub Mohamed Salih (above), editor in chief of Al-Ayam newspaper of Sudan.
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FORECAST: Bicol region and Eastern Visayas will have rains and occasional gusty winds and coastal waters of these areas will be rough to very rough. The rest of Luzon and rest of Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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Clark Zone	Cloudy with Rains	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains
Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains
Legazpi	Rains, gusty winds	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

I'm still alive – Archbishop Cruz

DAGUPAN CITY – Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz yesterday laughed off text messages saying he had been ambushed and was in critical condition.

Cruz said the text messages, which began circulating on Friday, were just products of a fertile imagination.

"It's another joke," the bishop said in a phone interview yesterday.

"People like to play jokes and while [they might be] entertaining, they also cause worry to some people so it's not good," he said.

Cruz, who chairs the Krusadang Bayan Laban sa Jueteng anti-gambling crusade, was not the least bit bothered by the ambush rumors.

"I like that. It excites me. You see, I'm still alive. I've been working in my office since four in the morning," he said.

"God is merciful," he added in a more serious vein.

One of the text messages read: "Breaking News! Most Rev. Oscar V. Cruz was ambushed by a group of armed men at Jovellanos St., Dagupan. He is in the ICU [intensive care unit]. Critical condition. Let us pray for him."

The message was sent from mobile phone number 09158349398. But the phone had been turned off when the INQUIRER tried to call the number yesterday.

Cruz was supervising the carpenters who were building furniture from his designs when reached by the INQUIRER.

To finance the projects of the archdiocese, Cruz sells furniture made from old and scrap wood. He is now working on the renovation of the St. John Cathedral here.

He said staff from the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines had called him early yesterday about the rumors.

Cruz is scheduled to present four more witnesses at the Senate hearing into jueteng operations on Monday.

Last month, an unidentified sender sent Cruz a check for P10 million but the prelate said he had treated it as a joke.

He suspected the money was a bribe to get him to stop his crusade against jueteng.

Cruz said there were also rumors circulating that he was gay, but he said he was neither affected nor concerned by these.

"I'm not a homosexual," he said, bursting into laughter.

He said he did not think he would be abducted by those affected by his jueteng expose, either, "because nobody would pay the ransom."

In Legazpi City, meanwhile, businessman Ben "Barra" Aguilar denied allegations by Camarines Sur Rep. Luis Villafuerte and Negros Occidental Rep. Ignacio Arroyo that he was the one who had brought jueteng whistle-blower Wilfredo Mayor to Sen. Panfilo Lacson.

Aguilar said he had nothing to do with Mayor nor was he the campaign manager of the senator.

Aguilar's name was blurted out on national television by Villafuerte and Arroyo as being behind Mayor's testimony at the Senate where the latter named the President's son, Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel Arroyo, among others, as being recipients of jueteng payola.

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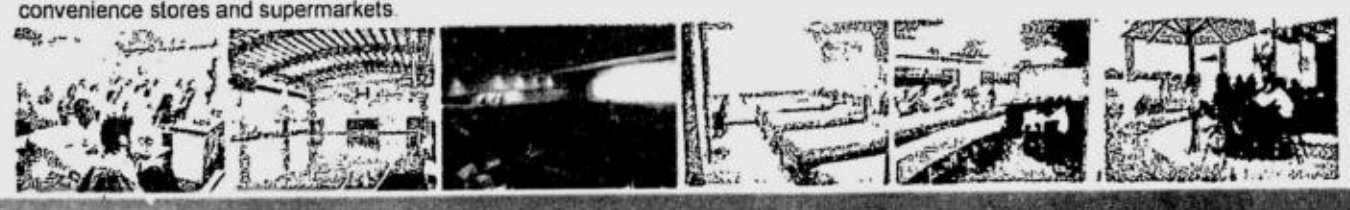

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Con-con GMA preference, says Palace

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

ULTIMATELY, it will be Congress' call.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said yesterday that President Macapagal-Arroyo was merely expressing a "personal preference" when she urged last week the convening of a constitutional convention to amend the country's Charter and set the stage for a shift to a parliamentary form of government.

"We all know that whatever mode or way we choose to amend the Charter will have to pass Congress," Bunye said on dzXL-RMN radio.

The President's declaration had dismayed some of her allies, including House Speaker Jose de Venecia, who favor amending the Charter through a constitutional assembly composed of the present members of the legislature.

Ms Arroyo is expected to outline her Charter change strategy in her State of the Nation Address next month.

Bunye said that Malacañang was prepared to provide funding for whatever mode Congress chose to amend the Constitution.

Bunye said Ms Arroyo would only push for Charter change when the second phase of her economic reforms - to bring the benefits of new taxes to the masses - had been completed.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., meanwhile, called on Malacañang and Congress to specify the provisions in the Constitution that they wanted to amend to dispel suspicions that the process was intended to promote certain vested interests.

Pimentel said there were many good provisions in the Constitution, such as those on protecting civil liberties and the country's economic interests, that should be kept intact.

Opposition Sen. Jamby Madrigal said Ms Arroyo's proposal for a constitutional convention might just be a ploy.

"Is she trying to divert [attention from] the nagging jueteng issue? Is this another squid tactic of the administration," Madrigal said in a statement.

With Juliet Labog-Javellana

War declared on illegal PUVs

WITH one out of every two public utility vehicles (PUVs) on Metro Manila's streets illegally plying their routes, President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered local officials to help transport authorities weed out "colorum" (unregistered) vehicles.

The President hopes that by driving colorum buses, jeepneys and tricycles off the roads, legitimate operators would be able to boost their earnings with more riders.

"Since 99 percent of our oil needs are imported, what we need is to blunt the impact of high oil prices," the President said.

This was one of the measures, along with the conversion of transport associations into cooperatives, pushed by the President during a meeting with transport leaders yesterday in Malacañang to avert further increases in transport fares being demanded by operators in the wake of the continued rise in fuel prices.

In a briefing, Transportation Assistant Secretary Dante Lantin estimated that 50 percent of the public utility vehicles on the road were colorum and "if we take them out, 50 percent of revenues will go to legal operators and there will be no more pressure to increase fares."

Although public utility vehicles are granted franchises to operate within a specific route, a significant number of them freelance outside their franchise areas to maximize their profits at the expense of legitimate operators. While there are adequate rules and penalties to discourage poaching in franchise areas, officials noted the lack of enforcement by authorities.

Lantin said the President had given her blessing to transport associations and cooperatives to support the Land Transport Office and the Department of Transportation and Communication in monitoring transport routes to catch colorum vehicles.

Aside from cracking down on the illegal vehicles, the President also encouraged transport groups, particularly tricycle operators and drivers associations to reorganize themselves into cooperatives to maximize their funds. *Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.*

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DOT counters malaria scare

By Jerome Aning

EVEN as fears of a malaria outbreak stalk Palawan, the tourism department has set into motion a program to conserve the precious natural resources of the northern part of the province through an environmentally sustainable tourism plan.

Northern Palawan, which includes the Calamian and Cuyo island groups, is one of the country's most sought-after destinations whose ecological system needs further protection and preservation, said Tourism Secretary Joseph Durano.

The department has forged an agreement with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and the local governments of Coron and Busuanga to provide communities with alternative sources of income to ensure that environmentally sustainable tourism programs could be implemented.

Durano said northern Palawan offers a host of cultural and natural attractions. Busuanga and Coron alone have unspoiled beaches, coral covers, shipwrecks and game preserves to fascinate visitors.

"But while we want to develop the region as a prime tourist destination, we also would like to ensure that its natural resources will remain unspoiled," he said in a statement.

The agreement provides for technical assistance for the next two years to Coron's Bintuan-Sangat and Siete Pecados marine parks from the Department of Tourism and and the United States Agency for International Development. USAID funds the FISH (Fisheries Improved for Sustainable Harvest) project of BFAR.

The Bintuan-Sangat and Siete Pecados marine parks play a vital role in protecting the coral reefs and World War II shipwrecks found in the waters off Coron.

They are also being used as demonstration benchmarks for the collection and management of user and conservation fees to protect the main tourism resources of the region.

The Bintuan-Sangat marine park also hosts the 63-hectare Decalve Marine Sanctuary, which has been designated a strict protection and no-fishing zone because of its critical significance in the conservation of marine biodiversity and protection of spawning fish stock.

A 2004 survey done by FISH reported an average of 60 percent live coral cover in the sanctuary.

Other target projects include the development of a Marine Interpretation Center in Coron to enable visitors to learn about the history, culture and natural resources of the islands of northern Palawan under the theme "From Wrecks to Reefs," and the training of stakeholders in park management and sustainable tourism development.

The DOT, with the Busuanga town government, has also started a Homestay Loans program for qualified homeowners of the municipality.

The loan would enable beneficiaries to carry out improvements on their houses and make them suitable lodging facilities for domestic and foreign tourists, using DOT standards as the yardstick.

Convicted OFW's wife laments gov't inaction

GUAGUA, Pampanga—The wife of overseas Filipino worker Reynaldo Cortez on Saturday criticized the government for not helping her husband who has been sentenced to death by beheading in Saudi Arabia.

Melody Cortez said no representative from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration or Department of Social Welfare and Development had come to the aid of her husband or her family.

Reynaldo was convicted of killing a Pakistani taxi driver in Saudi Arabia in 2002. He claimed the driver tried to force him to perform sexual acts.

The DFA, in a previous statement, said it had appealed for a reversal of the death sentence.

"It's as if they have given up on him," Melody said. She said she would not be able to bear hearing the announcement of her husband's execution date.

"I hope it does not come. Reynaldo's [six] children still need him. He worked abroad, endured the separation for them and their future," she said.

On Saturday, Migrante International and Cortez's family launched "International Day for Action for Reynaldo" at the family's home in Barangay San Pablo here.

The day, scheduled for June 7, will coincide with Filipino Migrants' Day. Simultaneous prayer and candle-lighting vigils and protest rallies in 22 countries where Migrante is allied with 95 migrant Filipino workers' organizations will be held on that day.

Maita Santiago, Migrante secretary general, said Cortez, a welder, was one of nine OFWs on death row in Saudi Arabia.

Santiago said at least 1,115 OFWs were languishing in Saudi Arabia jails, as shown by DFA records as of August 2004.

Borrowing money for an overseas call, Melody said she spoke with Reynaldo on Friday. The conversation, at about 10 a.m., was tearful, she said.

Her husband, though, was in high spirits and was hopeful President Macapagal-Arroyo would be able to help him, like she helped truck driver Angelo de la Cruz in Iraq last year, Melody said.

"I'm pleading to you, Madam President, please give attention to my husband's plight. Don't neglect him," Melody said in Kapampangan. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

RP still on trafficking list

By Volt Contreras

THE PHILIPPINES remains on the US Department of State's "Tier 2" watch list of countries that "do not fully comply with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking" in a report tracking the problem across the globe.

The state department's 2005 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report, released yesterday by the US Embassy, said the Philippines' inclusion in the watch list resulted from the government's "failure to show evidence of increasing efforts to convict traffickers."

It said the country was at once a "source, destination or a transit point" of trafficked men, women and children.

The US state department rated Cambodia, North Korea and Burma (Myanmar) as Asia's worst human trafficking violators in its review of 150 countries in combating trafficking for forced labor, prostitution and military service, among others.

Notorious mostly for child sex trafficking, Cambodia was lumped together with the hardline states in the "Tier 3" blacklist of the report.

Cambodia's inclusion stemmed largely from its government's "complicity" in trafficking, said John Miller, the department's senior adviser against human trafficking.

A new alarming finding about the Philippines showed that it had become both a transit point and destination for trafficked women from China.

"The number of trafficking-related prosecutions... remained low" despite the training of law enforcers on the Anti-Trafficking Law and the justice department's designation of four public prosecutors to focus on child trafficking, the report said.

"There were no reported convictions under the Anti-Trafficking Law of 2003," said the report, the fifth to be issued by Washington and considered the most comprehensive worldwide report on the efforts of individual countries against "modern-day slavery."

The report counted 28 TIP cases currently under investigation in the Philippines and at least 15 more cases being prosecuted by the Department of Justice under the Anti-Trafficking Law and statutes related to child abuse and illegal recruitment.

It largely blamed the country's poor showing on a "weak judiciary" and corruption among law enforcers.

"Despite widespread allegations of law enforcement officials' complicity in trafficking, the government reported no prosecutions of trafficking-related corruption," the report said.

The government was, however, cited for its "modest efforts" to raise awareness of TIP and had up to 14 agencies working in coordination on "prevention-oriented" campaigns.

The report also noted a "decline" in illegal recruitment and recruitment violations, also thanks to the information campaign. *With AFP*

PPI says clients may get checks

PACIFIC Plans Inc. has announced it was releasing additional tuition support payments to its plan holders from the P250 million fund loaned to the beleaguered preneed firm by Ambassador Alfonso T. Yuchengco, whose family controlled the company.

In a statement, PPI counsel Jeanette C. Tecson said: "The move is consistent with our desire to address the needs of our availing plan holders."

Tecson said PPI was releasing the funds despite the confusion caused by the Securities and Exchange Commission's revocation of the articles of incorporation of Lifetime Plans Inc., a newly formed company to which PPI had transferred its fixed payment education plans.

Tecson said PPI plan holders availing of tuition payments this school year may get their checks at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City beginning June 7.

Solon: Keep GSIS funds in RP

A LAWMAKER yesterday said the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) should not pursue its plan of investing up to $200 million (P11 billion) of its funds abroad this year.

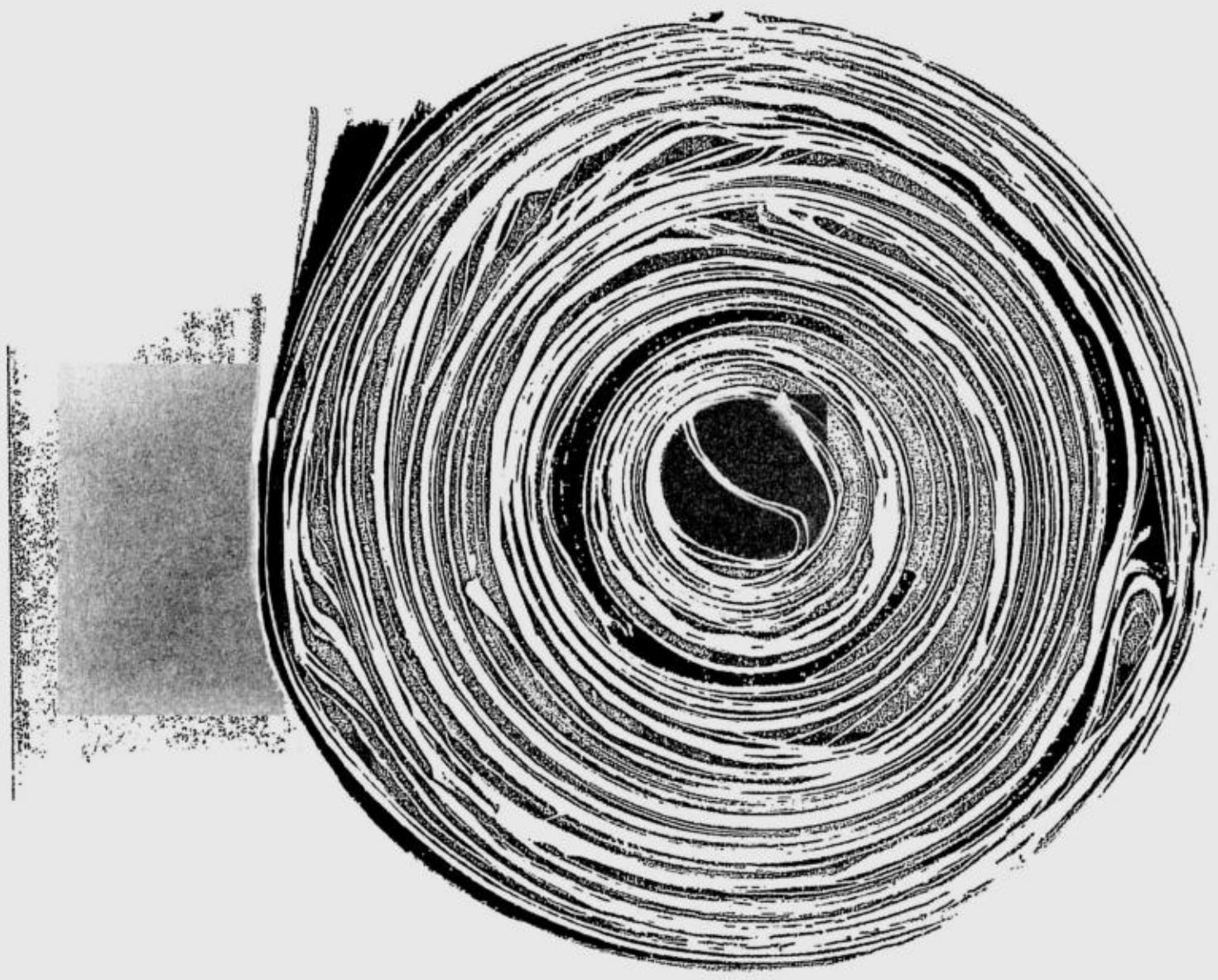
Catanduanes Rep. Joseph Santiago said the state-run pension fund should wait for more favorable conditions before taking much-needed dollars out of the country, since the economy was still vulnerable to a full-blown financial crisis.

"This is not exactly the best time for the GSIS, or for any public entity for that matter, to be taking badly needed foreign exchange out of the country," Santiago said.

"We need all the dollars we can lay our hands on at this very difficult time, considering the national government has to refinance some $5 billion worth of debt obligations this year," he said.

Santiago was reacting to GSIS executive vice president Reynaldo Palmieri's statement that the pension fund had decided to diversify into the international market, initially earmarking at least $200 million for possible investments overseas this year.

Santiago warned the plan could send the wrong signal to foreign investors. *Philip C. Tubeza*



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Lomibao: I'm doing my job, even if bishop doesn't think so

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—Director General Arturo Lomibao, Philippine National Police chief, has asked Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes to withdraw the control of mayors over the police should local executives fail to stop "jueteng" in their areas.

Morale in the PNP was down because almost every police officer had become vulnerable to charges that they tolerated jueteng, Lomibao said here after he was honored by the Philippine Military Academy yesterday.

"Reputations are being ruined," he said, when asked how the jueteng controversy had affected the police.

"If there are malicious implications against your honor, your integrity, then that somehow affects your work. As I have said, we are trained [to adjust to criticism]," Lomibao said.

"I think I am doing my job very well, even if the archbishop [doesn't think so]," he said, reacting to statements made by Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz who said Lomibao had failed to stop jueteng in the country.

Cruz also chastised Lomibao for giving excuses for his failure by citing manpower problems and a reduced police budget.

"We have to continue doing our job not only in the campaign against illegal gambling but also in other areas of [peace and order]... because we cannot concentrate [on one area of concern] while jeopardizing the other concerns of the PNP," Lomibao said.

But he said the blame should not fall squarely on the shoulders of policemen because "mayors are equally liable" for the continuing operations of jueteng.

Abra's example

Lomibao's proposal was inspired by the government action against the mayors of Abra.

"Abra is an area of special concern [but] I am looking at Abra as a model, because it is only in Abra where the National Police Commission took back the deputization of mayors there [which granted them provisional authority over the local police]. Nowhere in the Philippines has this happened," he said.

The suspension of the mayors' deputization was in response to the political violence that had affected Abra.

"We are looking at [Abra] as a model we can apply to the issue of jueteng. I have relieved so many chiefs of police [for failing to stop jueteng]... so I am looking at chief executives of these towns because they are equally responsible," Lomibao told reporters.

Weak evidence

A former Baguio prosecutor revealed last week that many cases against jueteng operators had to be dismissed due to weak evidence sent to the courts by police and local officials.

If there is a pattern surfacing on hindsight from Baguio's antigambling crusade, Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia, the former city prosecutor, said it was the weak evidence pooled together in jueteng cases.

According to a report sent to Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez, 94 suspected jueteng bet collectors were undergoing trial for collecting bets but the prosecutor's office had no record of convictions from earlier cases it had prosecuted.

Balajadia said he was compelled to file most of the jueteng cases that reached his office then, "even when the evidence was weak."

Many of these cases were eventually dismissed, he said.

"There were times the affidavits were not substantial, and yet I made it a point to instruct the prosecutors in charge of the cases to find a way to file them," he said.

The antigambling law would make the gambler equally liable for illegal gambling, but no gambler has been charged, he said.

Legalize jueteng?

Sen. Richard Gordon, during a recent visit here, said making jueteng legal might be a prudent solution to the problem.

But Lomibao said legalizing jueteng operations "is like admitting that we are not capable of stopping" the illegal numbers game.

"There are some issues that have to be addressed. It has been bruited about that jueteng has become a culture [and] it has socioeconomic implications. It is a moral issue. It is a law enforcement issue. So with all these dimensions... [proposals to legalize jueteng] should be studied very, very carefully," he said.

"If we say no to legalization, we are also closing our eyes to the people who have been displaced by the game. [For the police], there is a law which punishes the operation of jueteng, so [for now] we just implement it," he said.

Don't blame PNP

The PNP should not take all the blame for the proliferation of jueteng, Chief Supt. Florante Baguio of the PNP's anti-illegal gambling task force said Friday.

During a forum at the Ambassador Hotel in Manila, Baguio said jueteng was a "multi-dimensional issue," and that other institutions should move to prevent people from patronizing it.

"I believe jueteng is not just a police problem. The family, church, school—everybody can help us. They can help by telling people not to participate in jueteng. If nobody will bet on the game, what else can the collectors do?" Baguio said. *Vincent Cabreza and Leila B. Salaverria*

Lomibao . . .

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cials of the Philippine Military Academy yesterday watched a skit performed by cadets here.

Unfortunately, the 20-minute skit not only made fun of the jueteng scandal, it was also about a character named "Cadet Andok" who fled the academy and his responsibilities as a class leader because he felt suffocated by PMA rules.

In attendance were PMA officials and Philippine National Police Director General Arturo Lomibao.

Lomibao, a member of PMA Masigasig Class of 1972, visited the academy to preside over the promotion of Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, PNP spokesperson, a member of PMA Magilas Class of 1976.

The PMA cadets' Foxtrot Company presented the skit, hoping to lighten the officials' concerns about corruption in the military and the police, a PMA official said.

"Cadets have been asking us about the real [score on] *jueteng*. They tell us PMA graduates who work for government are forced to choose between what is legal and what is not instead of what is right or wrong, when dealing with gray areas like gambling," the official said.

Third Class Cadet Mark de los Santos played Andok, a fictitious class baron (brigade commander) of the PMA corps of cadets. Santos delivered his lines with a thick Visayan accent.

While the chorus sang, "I'm sorry, I'm not perfect," a spoof of the song "Perfect World" by pop-punk rock band Simple Plan, Andok got on a bicycle and left the academy. He would end up in jail, nearly executed by a society that understood little of the PMA's commitment to courage, integrity and loyalty.

The skit also poked fun at the travails of retired Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia, former Armed Forces of the Philippines comptroller. Out on a date, Andok tried to pay for dinner, using a "purchase card," which he described as an instrument that could be converted into cash worth P24 million.

In one scene, Andok, wearing large shoulder ornaments over his dress grays, stood at attention in front of Lomibao and said with conviction: "Gambling is prohibited in the PMA, especially jueteng."

PMA officials seated near the PNP chief laughed at what officials described as "cadet humor."

The lesson, according to the annotator, was that PMA rules and regulations were designed to make cadets, like the fictitious Andok, more honorable.

The skit also revealed the cadets' frustrations over the scandals' negative effect on the image of PMA graduates.

In one scene, while Andok was being prosecuted for "illegal gambling," among other crimes, he demanded to be executed than face the indignity of going to prison.

"You have abused my pride, my dignity and my honor, Your Honor," he said, while invoking the Bible, the Constitution and the Revised Penal Code.

In the end, Andok was rescued from the electric chair by a member of the PMA military police (MP), who dragged him back to the academy.

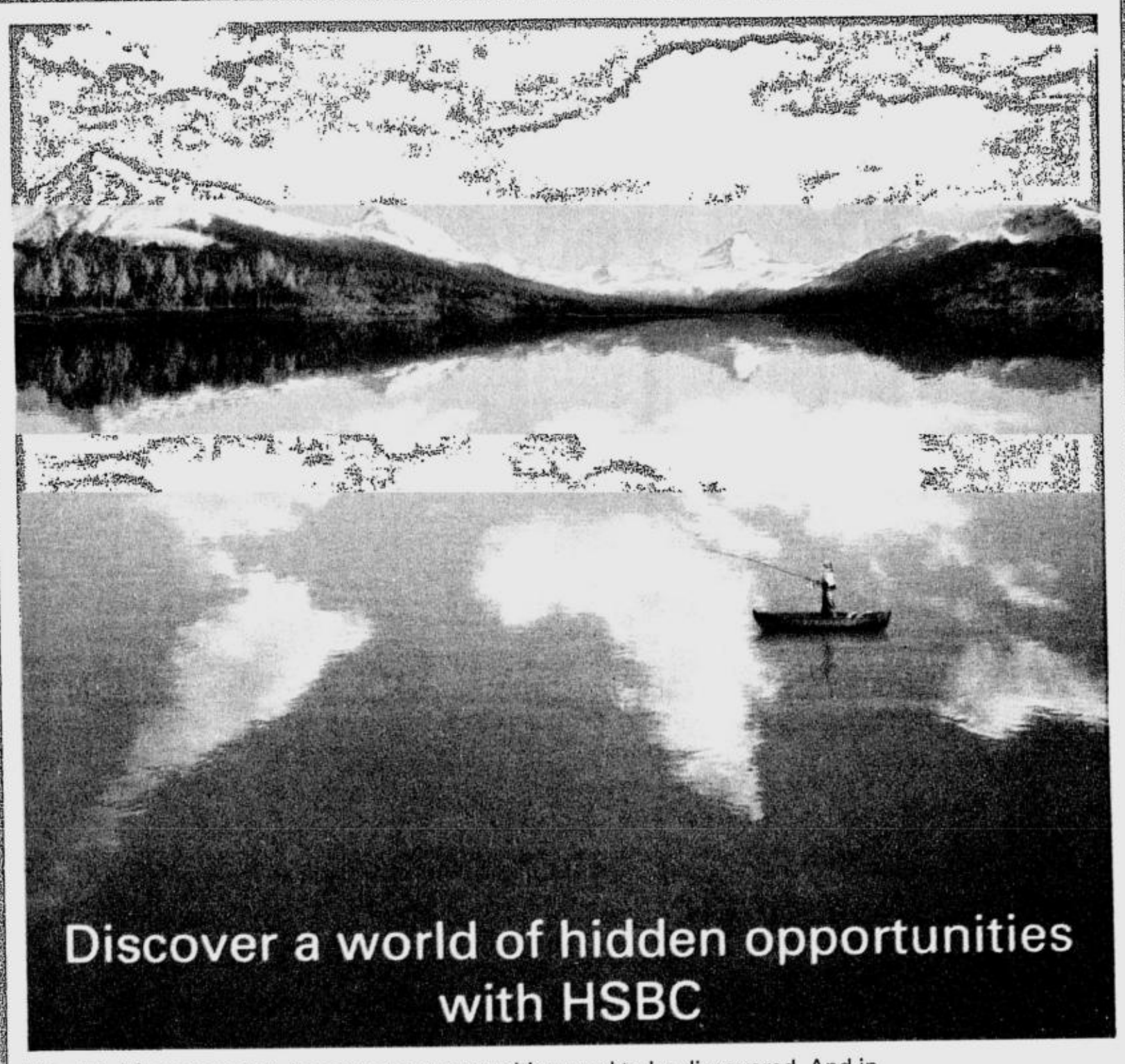
Brig. Gen. Leopoldo Maligalig, commandant of cadets, told Lomibao that the skit was one of several performances that the cadets had been rehearsing for the Hundred Nights Show, the annual PMA vaudeville presentation during Christmas.

He said PMA officials had nothing to do with the preparation of the skit.

Despite the cadets' frequent digs at jueteng, Lomibao seemed happy about his PMA visit.

"A visit to the academy is always invigorating and inspiring. I like to draw inspiration from [the young] so when I go back to Manila, and confront reality, [I] can have more strength, I can have more inspiration," he said.

"The youth always inspire me, because youth means idealism," Lomibao told reporters.



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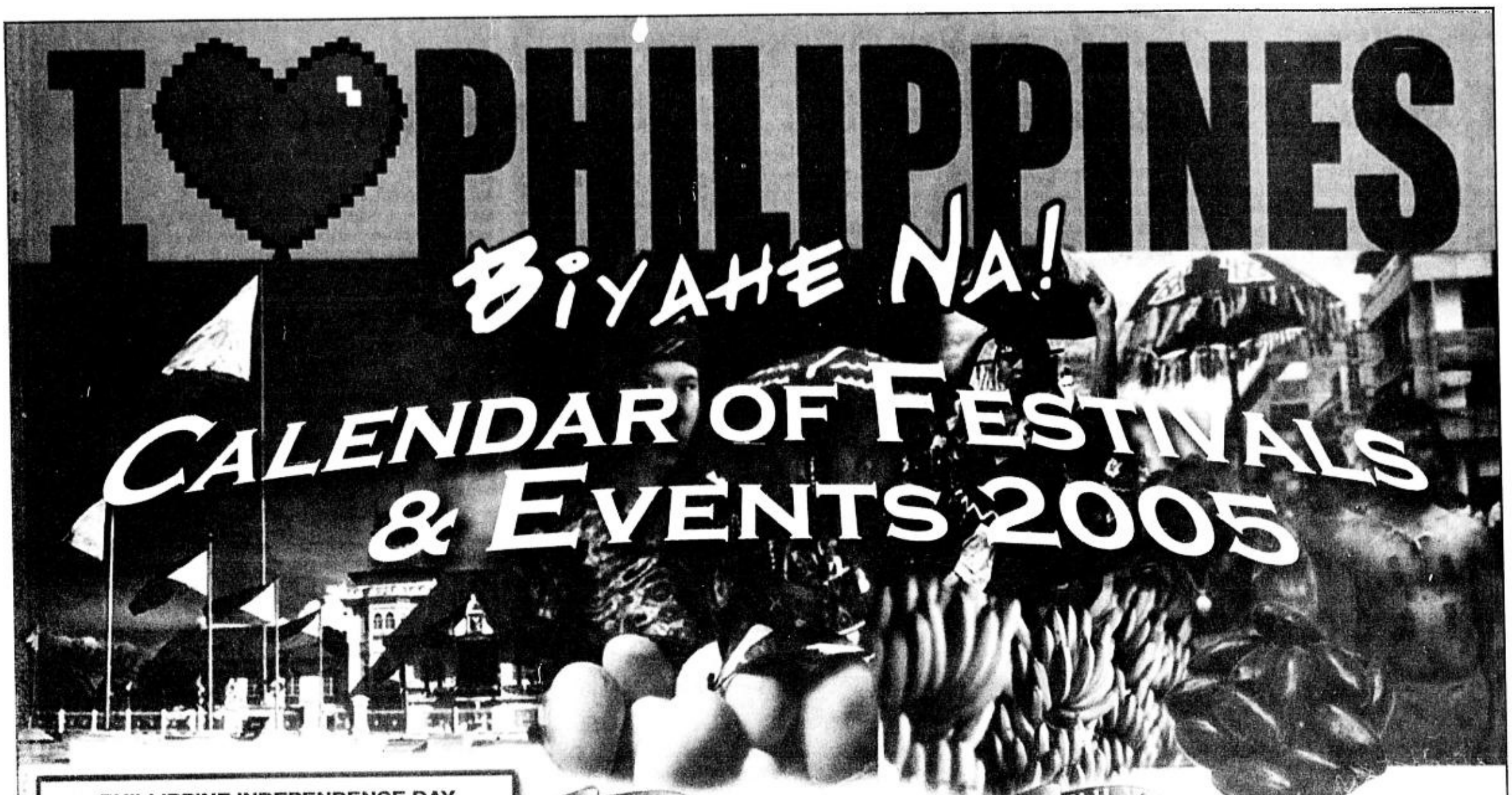

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KALAYAAN JOB FAIR
June 08, 8am-5pm | Philippine Relief Map Area, Rizal Park
This is a job fair for the public in celebration of Kalayaan 2005.

SULONG KALAYAAN, SULONG!
June 08-12 | DOT Clamshell 1, Intramuros, Manila
This is the annual Independence Day Fair featuring DOLE's job fair, Regional Agri, Arts & Crafts, Exhibit and Sale, Government Programs Exhibit and Science and Technology Exhibit.
Contact: DOT Special Projects Office, Mr. Pepito Francisco, Tel. #: 404.0622

MODAS Y BAILES DE AYER I VIVA LA INDEPENDENCIA FILIPINA!"
June 10, 6pm | Wintrade Center, Aguinaldo Highway, Bacoor, Cavite
This is the official launch of the campaign for the preservation and restoration of the Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine, A Filipino heritage shrine and site of the Declaration of Philippine Independence in June 12, 1898.

ANG BAYAN KONG PILIPINAS!" CULTURAL SHOW
June 10, 6pm | Paco Park, San Marcelino, Manila
A free concert featuring Filipino Kundiman music to be performed by Maria Deeda Baretto, soprano, Nova Butuan, soprano, Leonel Guico, baritone, and Filmer Flores, Pianist.

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Contact: DOT Special Projects, Tel. #: 404.0622 or Afro Asian Travel and Tours, Tel. #: 523.7501/7504.

SALINLAHI
June 11, 8:30pm | CCP Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo
This is a special cultural production featuring various Philippine dance companies together with Ms. Lea Salonga. To be staged by the Cultural Center of the Philippines.
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KALAYAAN 2005 DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION
June 11, 6pm | Malacañang Palace, Manila
A cocktail reception to be hosted by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for the members of the diplomatic corps

KALAYAAN PANORAMA
June 12 | Rizal Park, Manila
A tarpaulin exhibit featuring the Independence Day Celebration through the years
Contact: National Historical Institute, Tel. 525.7695 or 526.3181

ARAW NG KALAYAAN ACTIVITIES 2005 (JUNE 12)

PAGTATAAS NG WATAWAT
7:00am | Nationwide
Simultaneous flag-raising and wreath ceremonies at designated historical venues all over the country

"BAYAN KO, MAHAL KO!"
7:30am | Kanlungan ng Sining Gallery, Rizal Park
A visual arts exhibit by the officers of the Arts Association of the Philippines (AAP) from June 12 to 30– open to the public

SKY DIVING EXHIBITION
7:45am | Quirino Grandstand

MENSAHE SA BAYAN AT PAGPAPARANGAL SA KALAYAAN
8:00am | Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park
A special program on the Independence Day to be led by HE President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

PMC DRUM & BUGLE EXHIBITION
4:30pm | Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park

PSG BAND AND COMBO CONCERT
5:00pm | Open-Air Auditorium, Rizal Park

ILAW AT KULAY NG KALAYAAN
7:30pm | Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park
Special Fireworks Display or Street Dancing

JUNE

LINGGO NG ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE & "SARDINES AND MANGO FESTIVAL"
June 01-06 / Dipolog City
A week-long celebration featuring agro-industrial fairs, sports, beauty pageants, concerts, cultural shows and street dancing.
Contact: Atty. Ivan A. Ang, Tourism Officer of Zamboanga del Norte, Tel. (065) 212.6984 / DOT Regional Office IX

ARAW NG COTABATO
June 12-20 / Cotabato City
This is the Charter Anniversary of Cotabato City characterized by drum and bugle competitions, sports and civic military parade, cultural activities and dancing contests.
Contact: DOT Regional Office XII

DORONG FESTIVAL, KAPATAGAN
June 17, Digos City
This is a festival of thanksgiving for rich harvest by the highland tribe of the Bagobo featuring indigenous rituals, cultural presentations and colorful parade.
Contact: DOT Regional Office XI

RIZAL DAY
June 19 / Calamba, Laguna
An event in memory of the birthday of our National Hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, characterized by flower offerings to the Rizal Shrine by the townfolks of Calamba.
Contact: Office of the Mayor, (049) 545.2010

KALIBO FOOD FESTIVAL SA KALYE
June 19-23 / Kalibo, Aklan
This is a festival that introduced Kalibonhons to a grand way of celebrating life while giving honor to its Municipal & Religious Fiesta patron, Saint John the Baptist.
Contact: Kalibo Ati-Atihan Tourism Council, (036) 262.1020 / DOT Regional Office VI

WATTAH! WATTAH! SAN JUAN FIESTA
June 24 / San Juan City, Manila
A fiesta in honor of Saint John the Baptist characterize by street dancing with dousing of water and live saints parade accompanied by free concerts and celebrity guests.
Contact: San Juan Tourism Office (02) 725.9844 or Public Information Office (02) 726.1866/7213

SAN JUAN HIBOK HIBOK
June 24 / Mambajao, Camiguin
A festivity featuring boat races and other beach fun activities participated by different barangays, NGO's and LGU's.
Contact: DOT Regional Office X

TOURISM CONGRESS
June 24 / Cebu City
A congress participated by collaborative partners that aims to tackle priorities in implementing a 5-year master plan crafted by the Core Tourism Group using the McKinsey Framework. The forum aims to address the challenge: Catalyzing Tourism Growth through Multi-sectoral Initiatives and Coordinated Leadership.
Contact: Tourism Office of Cebu, Tel. (032) 254.2811 / DOT Regional Office VII

KALIGUAN FESTIVAL
June 22-24 / Cagwait, Surigao del Sur
A yearly festivital in honor of St. John the Baptist characterized by "water-dousing" and street parade.
Contact: DOT Regional Office XIII

SUBIRAN REGATTA
June 28 / Tacloban City
This event is characterized by an exciting race of native sailboats with outriggers displaying the local folk's seamanship.
Contact: Tourism Office of Tacloban City, (053) 321.43.33 / DOT Regional Office VIII

APUNG IRU FLUVIAL FESTIVAL
June 28-30 / Apalit, Pampanga
The most awaited activitiy of this festival procession of St. Peter is the procession of the latter's image from Capalangan to Calumpit River where a colorfully decorated mini pagoda awaits the image.
Contact: Office of the Mayor, (045) 302.5233/7033 / DOT Regional Office III

PILI Festival
June 20-29 / Sorsogon, Sorsogon
The primary purpose of this festival is to emphasize the importance of the "Pili" nut and to increase the awareness of the public on its various economic uses.
Contact: Ms. Marianne Encelea or Mrs. Irma Guhit / DOT Regional Office V

JULY

SAGAYAN FESTIVAL
July 03 / Lanao del Norte
This festival depicts the rich Maranao culture pageantry war dance performed by warriors & fan dance by the Maranao maidens held during Araw ng Lanao del Norte.
Contact: Ms. Wilma Bulaclac, Organizer, (063) 341.5467 / DOT Regional Office X

BANANA FESTIVAL
1st week of July / Tagum, Davao del Norte
A festival characterized by an agri trade fair and street dancing presentations which aims to highlight Davao del Norte as the "banana province" of the Philippines.
Contact: DOT Regional Office XI

TINALAK FESTIVAL
July 16-19 / South Cotabato, Koronadal City
An annual celebration in South Cotabato which demonstrates the importance and significance of the "T'nalak" cloth as the cultural image of South Cotabato.
Contact: DOT Regional Office XII

LIBON PAROY FESTIVAL
July 22-25 / Libon, Albay
Katalingkasan which means freedom and rebirth, is held in conjunction with the Libon Town Fiesta and the feast of its Patron Saint, St. James the Greater.
Ms. Agnes Dycoco/052.486.61.01
Contact: DOT Regional Office V

KINABAYO FESTIVAL
July 24-25 / Dapitan City
An annual revelry which brings thousands of devotees, tourists and balikbayans to the City. This is highlighted by the "Sinug" and "Kinabayo", a colorful pageantry in honor of St. James the Greater.
Contact: Mr. Rodiolan Porlas, Tourism Officer of Dapitan City, Tel. (065) 213.6203 / DOT Regional Office IX

MOLO DISTRICT FIESTA
July 26 / Molo, Iloilo City
A fiesta in honor of St. Anne featuring street dancing presentations and contests
Contact: Mayor Jerry Trenas, (033) 337.3573 / DOT Regional Office VI

SANDUGO FESTIVAL
Whole Month / Tagbilaran City, Bohol
Bohol's annual commemoration of the Blood compact (mardi gras parade) between Rajah Sikatuna and Miguel Lopez de Legazpi..
Contact: Ms. Judy Quiachon, Bohol Tourism Office Tel. (038) 411.3666 / DOT Regional Office VII

ABAYAN FESTIVAL
Last Sunday of July / Butuan City
A whole day festivity of barato race, fluvial procession, and parlor games in honor of St. Anne, patroness of the Agusan River.
Contact: DOT Regional Office XIII

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US admits urine splashed on Koran

WASHINGTON—US military officials acknowledged that a copy of the Koran was splashed with urine at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp for terror suspects, but said none of the guards at the facility flushed the Muslim holy book down the toilet.

Among other newly disclosed incidents cited in a Pentagon report on the mishandling of the sacred text at the prison were reports that a detainee's Koran was deliberately kicked and another's was stepped on.

On March 25, a detainee complained to guards that "urine came through an air vent" and splashed on him and his Koran. A guard admitted he was at fault, but the report, which offered new details about Koran mishandling incidents, did not make clear whether the guard intended the result.

The findings, released after normal business hours Friday evening, are among the results of an investigation last month by Brig. Gen. Jay Hood, the commander of the detention center in Cuba. The investigation was triggered by a Newsweek magazine report—later retracted—that a US soldier had flushed one camp detainee's Koran down a toilet.

The story stirred worldwide controversy, and the Bush administration blamed it for deadly demonstrations in Afghanistan.

In another confirmed incident cited in the report, water balloons thrown by prison guards caused an unspecified number of Korans to get wet, and in a confirmed but ambiguous case, a two-word obscenity was written in English on the inside cover of a Koran.

Hood said in a written statement released with the new details that his investigation "revealed a consistent, documented policy of respectful handling of the Koran dating back 2 1/2 years."

Lawrence Di Rita, chief spokesperson for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, did not address the confirmed incidents of mishandling the Muslim holy book. Reached while traveling with Rumsfeld in Asia, he said US Southern Command policy calls for "serious, respectful and appropriate" handling of the Koran.

"The Hood inquiry would appear to affirm that policy," Di Rita said.

Hood said that of nine mishandling cases that were studied in detail by reviewing thousands of pages of written records, five were confirmed. He could not determine conclusively whether the other four took place.

In one of the unconfirmed cases, a detainee in April 2003 complained to FBI and other interrogators that guards "constantly defile the Koran." The detainee alleged that in one instance a female military guard threw a Koran into a bag of wet towels to anger another detainee, and he also alleged that another guard said the Koran belonged in the toilet and that guards were ordered to do these things. *AP*

Syria test-fires 3 Scud missiles

WASHINGTON — The United States confirmed Friday that Syria had carried out new missile tests and said they were fresh proof Damascus was "out of step" with moves toward peace in the Middle East.

The New York Times, quoting Israeli military officials, reported that Syria had test-fired three Scud missiles a week ago. It said one of them broke up over Turkey but caused no injuries.

"We're aware of the missiles that were launched, and I think that I'll just leave it at that," said White House spokesperson Scott McClellan, declining to comment further.

The state department's new spokes-person Sean McCormack said of the reported test that "we have information that indicates that it did occur" although he could not confirm a missile hit Turkey.

"And I would just add that it's one more example of Syria being out of step with what's going on in the rest of the region," McCormack told his first daily briefing.

He said the United States had long accused Syria of seeking to acquire weapons of mass destruction and the ability to deliver them, while countries like Iraq and Lebanon were focused on political and economic development.

"I just think that this type of step is— when you look at the rest of what's going on in the region and the efforts that people are taking to try to develop a more peaceful, a more stable, a more harmonious region—it's just a discordant note."

The Times quoted the Israelis as saying there was nothing unusual about Syria's first missile tests since 2001 other than the strike in Turkey, but they made them public because they were puzzled by the US silence.

The officials told the daily that the tests—involving an older Scud B with a range of 300 km and two Scud Ds with a range of 700 km—were part of a Syrian missile development project using North Korean technology.

The missiles, they said, were designed to deliver air-burst chemical weapons. Asked about a North Korean connection, McCormack said, "I don't have any information I can share with you on that." *AFP*

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19 killed in latest round of unchecked attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD—Nineteen Iraqis, including a Shiite cleric, died in the latest round of unchecked violence as security forces pressed on with an operation to root out insurgents in Baghdad, sources said.

Six people, including a child and two Iraqi soldiers, were killed in several attacks north of the capital early Friday, security forces said.

In Samarra, insurgents took on a police rapid reaction force in a firefight that killed the child and one other person, while 10 Iraqis were killed and 12 wounded late Thursday in an attack north of Baghdad, the US military said.

"There was a suicide car bombing outside a home near Balad late Thursday. Ten Iraqis were killed and 12 wounded," said Major Wes Hayes.

An Iraqi translator working for the US military was also gunned down near Balad, police said.

In southern Iraq, gunmen killed Shiite cleric Ali Abdel Hussein in Basra overnight, his son said.

"Two men armed with pistols shot my father" near a mosque in a northern neighborhood, Mohammed Ali Abdel Hussein said. "I chased them and they shot at me, too."

In Baghdad, Sawan Ali al-Qaissi, a Shiite political leader from the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq—the largest party in parliament—died of wounds sustained in a shooting earlier in the week.

Violence in the ethnically tense northern oil hub of Kirkuk continued, with the assassination of Turkman police Gen. Sabah Bahlul Goralton as he left Friday prayers, police said.

His death followed that of Kurdish police Gen. Ahmad Saleh al-Baranzanchi who was murdered in Kirkuk late in May in an attack claimed by the al-Qaida-linked militant group Ansar al-Sunna.

Inhabited by Kurds, Sunni Arabs and Turkmen, Kirkuk was heavily arabized under the regime of Saddam Hussein.

Kurds now want the city to be the capital of their autonomous region, while Arabs complain of harassment since Saddam's fall.

Radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr called on Iraqis to emulate the European Union and reject federalism, which he said would divide the country.

Speaking on behalf of Sadr, Sheikh Salah al-Ubaidi told Muslim faithful in Kufa, south of Baghdad, that in Europe: "You can find a unified constitution underway, a unified currency and a united continental market despite the fact that they are different nations."

Although he did not run in January's elections, Sadr recently reemerged from the political shadows and is seeking to reinvent himself as the man who can pull his country back from the brink of chaos.

In Baghdad, Iraqi authorities hailed Operation Lightning, designed to snare insurgents in the city, saying on Thursday that 700 had been arrested and 28 killed in five days of operations.

Despite this, three explosions from mortar attacks shook the capital around noon Friday. One security source said the shells came from a predominantly Sunni area and that one had landed near the Lebanese Embassy.

Violence killed almost 700 Iraqis throughout the country in May.

Up to 40,000 army troops and police personnel were to take part in the sweep, but were not in any clear evidence in Baghdad's streets.

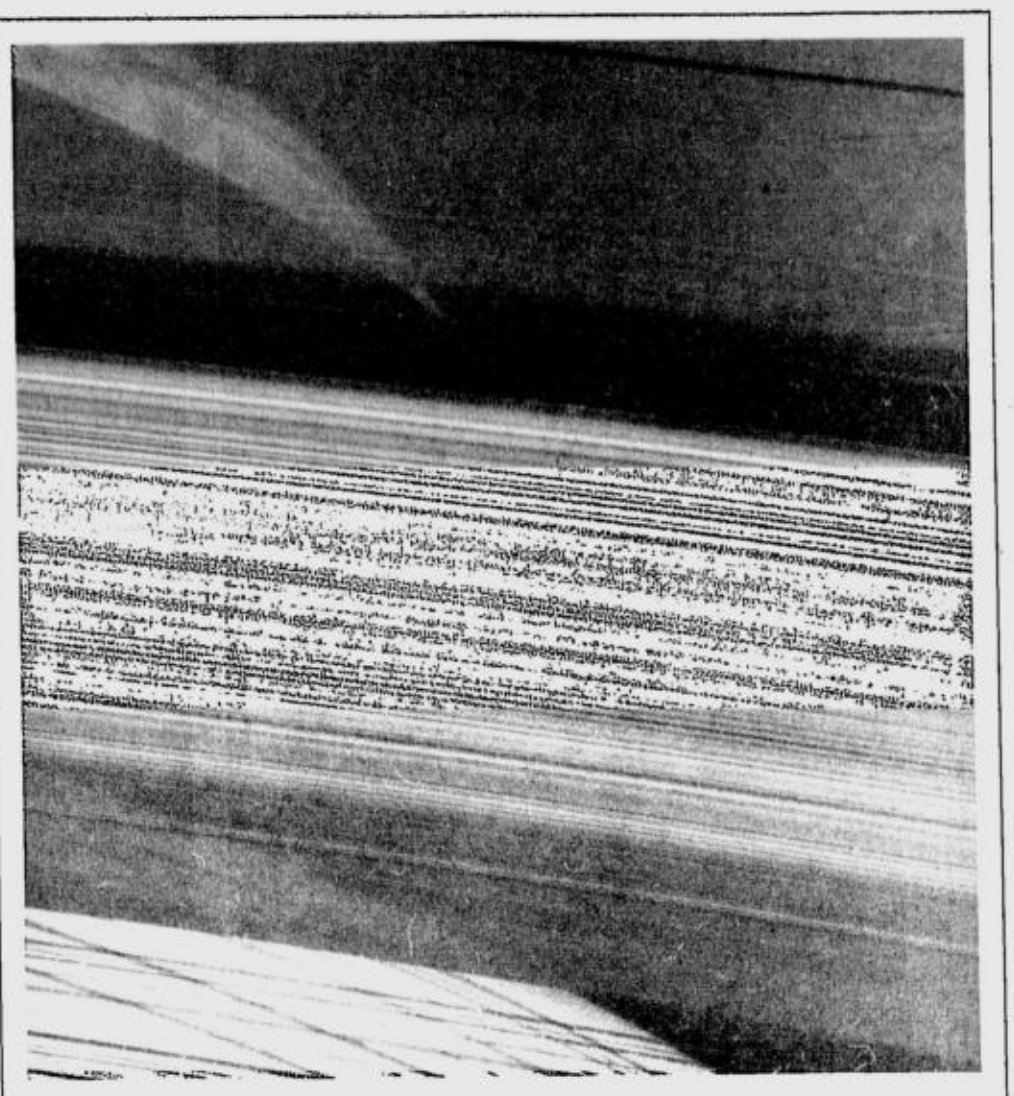
Hundreds of Sunni Muslims protested in the city after Friday prayers against US forces' detention this week of a moderate political leader. Some imams slammed the Baghdad security operation in their sermons.

The protestors chanted anti-US slogans and waved Iraqi flags, Islamic Party banners and signs denouncing the seizure of party leader Mohsen Abdel Hamid and his three sons on Monday, calling it "American terrorism."

All four were later released.

"Go Home American Forces," another banner proclaimed, saying the troops had covered themselves in shame.

An official from the Northern Oil Co. said that a halt in Iraqi exports to Turkey's Mediterranean port of Ceyhan was the result of an established shipping schedule and not the work of saboteurs. *AFP*



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In this fabulous close-up image from Nasa's Cassini spacecraft released June 3, the spacecraft peers directly through regions of the A, B and C rings of the planet Saturn (from top to bottom) to glimpse shadows of the very same rings cast upon the planet's atmosphere. Near the top, shadows cast by ringlets in the Cassini division (center) look almost like a photo negative. REUTERS

Pedophile or Peter Pan? Jury begins deliberations on Jacko trial

SANTA MARIA, Calif.—Michael Jackson's fate is now in the hands of the eight women and four men of the jury, who began their deliberations shortly after noon on Friday with the task of deciding whether he is a predatory pedophile or Peter Pan.

Lawyers for Jackson and for the state ended their closing arguments on Friday with two videotapes portraying him in starkly different lights. The defense showed a videotaped interview in which Jackson proclaimed his innocent love of children and complained that he is maligned and misunderstood by other adults. "No matter what you do," Jackson says in his breathy voice, "there's always some jerk, some mean-spirited person who wants to bring you down."

The other tape, shown by the prosecution for the second time in a week, shows the accuser, then 13, haltingly telling a police detective how Jackson served him alcohol and molested him in bed at Jackson's Neverland ranch near here.

"You have just witnessed the worst seven minutes of this young man's life," said Ronald J. Zonen, the deputy district attorney who delivered the closing argument for the prosecution. "This is an absolutely sincere revelation by a child about a man he had been close to."

Outside the courtroom, crowds have grown somewhat this week as the denouement of the 14-week trial approaches. On Friday morning, about 75 fans stood outside the fence ringing the courthouse, jeering reporters and chanting, "Michael's innocent." They cheered as Jackson left the courthouse after noon accompanied by his parents and his brothers Jermaine and Randy. On most days, a handful of Jackson fans showed up.

New York Times News Service

CHILDREN OF CHARLES?
A new book has come out this week in Germany with the cooperation of three siblings who say they are the out-of-wedlock children of Charles A. Lindberg, shown in this November 1932 photo, the first pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic. Astrid Bouteuil, Dyrk Hesshaimer and David Hesshaimer worked with biographer Rudolf Schroeck on the 368-page "The Double Life of Charles A. Lindbergh," published by Heyne Verlag, a division of Random House. AP

Celebrities call on G8 to dig Africa out of debt

LONDON—Celebrities from South African icon Archbishop Desmond Tutu to supermodel Claudia Schiffer are taking part in a letter-writing campaign urging the world's richest nations to work together to dig Africa out of debt.

The open letters, aimed at next week's meeting in London of finance ministers from the Group of Eight industrialized nations and the G8 summit in Scotland from July 6-8, will appear in newspapers in Germany, France, Britain and the United States.

"A child dies every three seconds from extreme poverty... The world's greatest minds have shown that we can stop this. Ordinary people across the world are demanding action," says the letter signed by a host of international celebrities and stars.

The campaign, urging donor nations to slash the massive debts burdening Africa at the same time as boosting aid and easing trade rules that penalize the world's poorest continent, is organized by Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP).

"The G8 is the opportunity for leaders to demonstrate—in actions not words—their commitment to fighting poverty. We will be reminding leaders that anything less than this will be failure," GCAP's Coumba Toure said, announcing the campaign.

GCAP—which includes the Make Poverty History movement that is planning a major march through Edinburgh on July 2—claims to be the world's largest antipoverty coalition involving charities, NGOs, faith groups and trade unions.

It has signed up celebrities including campaigners Bono and Mary Robinson, actors George Clooney and Brad Pitt and Nobel laureates John Polanyi and James Orbinski.

The news came in the same week as Irish rocker Bob Geldof announced a series of concerts to take place on July 2 to put pressure on the G8 leaders just four days before their summit.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair has made helping Africa one of the central pillars of Britain's year-long G8 presidency. *Reuters*

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1. Calling of meeting to order
2. Certification of Notice
3. Determination and Declaration of Quorum
4. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Annual Stockholders Meeting held on June 17, 2004.
5. Presentation and approval of the 2004 Annual Report and other reports of the Investment Manager
6. Approval and confirmation of all acts of the Board of Directors and of Management for 2004
7. Election of Directors
8. Confirmation of BPI Asset Management as Investment Manager (continuing term unless expressly terminated)
9. Appointment of External Auditor
10. Other Business
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Laughing out loud burns calories

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"We calculated that this is equal to 2 kg a year if you do it every day," Dr. Maciej Buchowski, of Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, told an obesity conference on Saturday.

Laughing makes people feel good and has been described as the best medicine. Buchowski believes he and his colleagues are the first to measure how much energy it takes to laugh.

"We discovered that laughter produces energy," he said.

They recruited 100 students who were friends or couples and measured the energy expenditure of each pair while they watched television comedy clips in a metabolic chamber.

The sealed room enabled scientists to measure how much energy the laughter produced while a heart monitor also tracked their heart rate.

Buchowski and his team did not tell the students, who were advised not to talk or move, the goal of the experiment.

"It's not easy to catch genuine laughter because if you tell people you are going to measure laughter they will force the laugh," said Buchowski.

To measure the students' resting metabolic rate the scientists showed them scenes of the English countryside. *Reuters*

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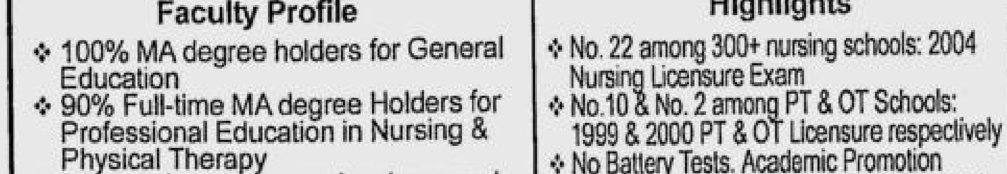
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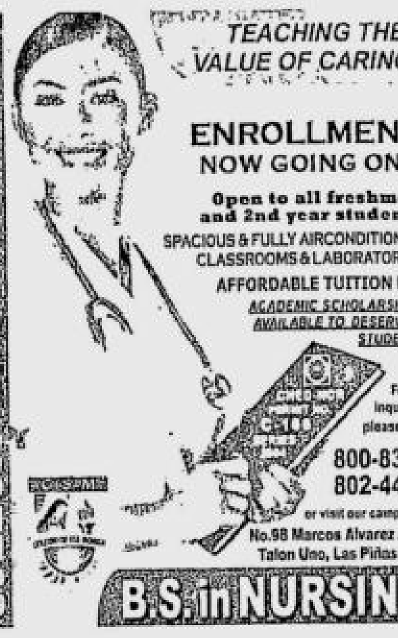
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'Deep Throat'

EDITORIAL

FOR 30 YEARS, the identity of "Deep Throat" was the best-kept secret in the annals of contemporary journalism in the United States. Deep Throat was the one who leaked to two reporters of The Washington Post inside information on the cover-up by US President Richard Nixon of the June 17, 1972 break-in at the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C.

The veil of the mystery over "Who was Deep Throat?" was lifted on May 31—when Vanity Fair published an article by a California lawyer, John D. O'Connor, who wrote that W. Mark Felt, the No. 2 man at the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the Nixon administration, had admitted that "I'm the Guy they used to call the Deep Throat!"

Felt, now 91 and in fragile health after suffering a stroke and with a dimming memory, made the startling disclosure in his retirement home in California. The leaks supplied by Felt to two Washington Post reporters—Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein—provided confirmation and context to the series of explosive Post stories on the Watergate break-in that led to the unprecedented resignation of Nixon on Aug. 9, 1974. The illegal methods and dirty tricks employed by the Nixon administration to cover up the Watergate burglary are by now familiar. The Post's stories on the burglary now stand as an iconic model of investigative journalism, illustrating the power of the press to bring down governments that abuse power in democratic societies.

Felt's admission not only dissolved the mystique of Deep Throat, which has been glamorized in films. It also puts a spotlight on an issue that swirls around the press—that is, the confidentiality of information revealed by unnamed sources—at a time when journalists are often put under threat of criminal legal action or of being considered enemies of the state or security risks.

Felt's disclosure broke a covenant between him and the Post reporters—that Deep Throat's identity would not be revealed until his death. Woodward, Bernstein and the Post editors were caught by surprise by Felt's revelation. On the same day the Vanity Fair story was published on May 31, Woodward confirmed that Felt was Deep Throat. Woodward and Bernstein issued a statement reaffirming their promise to keep the secret until Deep Throat died. The Post's executive editor, Leonard Downie Jr., said "the newspaper decided that 'it' had been released from its obligation by Felt's family and by his lawyer through the publication of O'Connor's article. Downie praised Woodward's willingness to abide by his pledge.

"This demonstrates clearly the lengths to which Bob and this newspaper will go to protect sources and a confidential relationship," Downie said. Ben Bradlee, former editor of the Post who had known Deep Throat's identity, said he was amazed that the mystery had lasted through the decades. "What would you think the odds were that this town could keep that secret for so long?" Bradlee said.

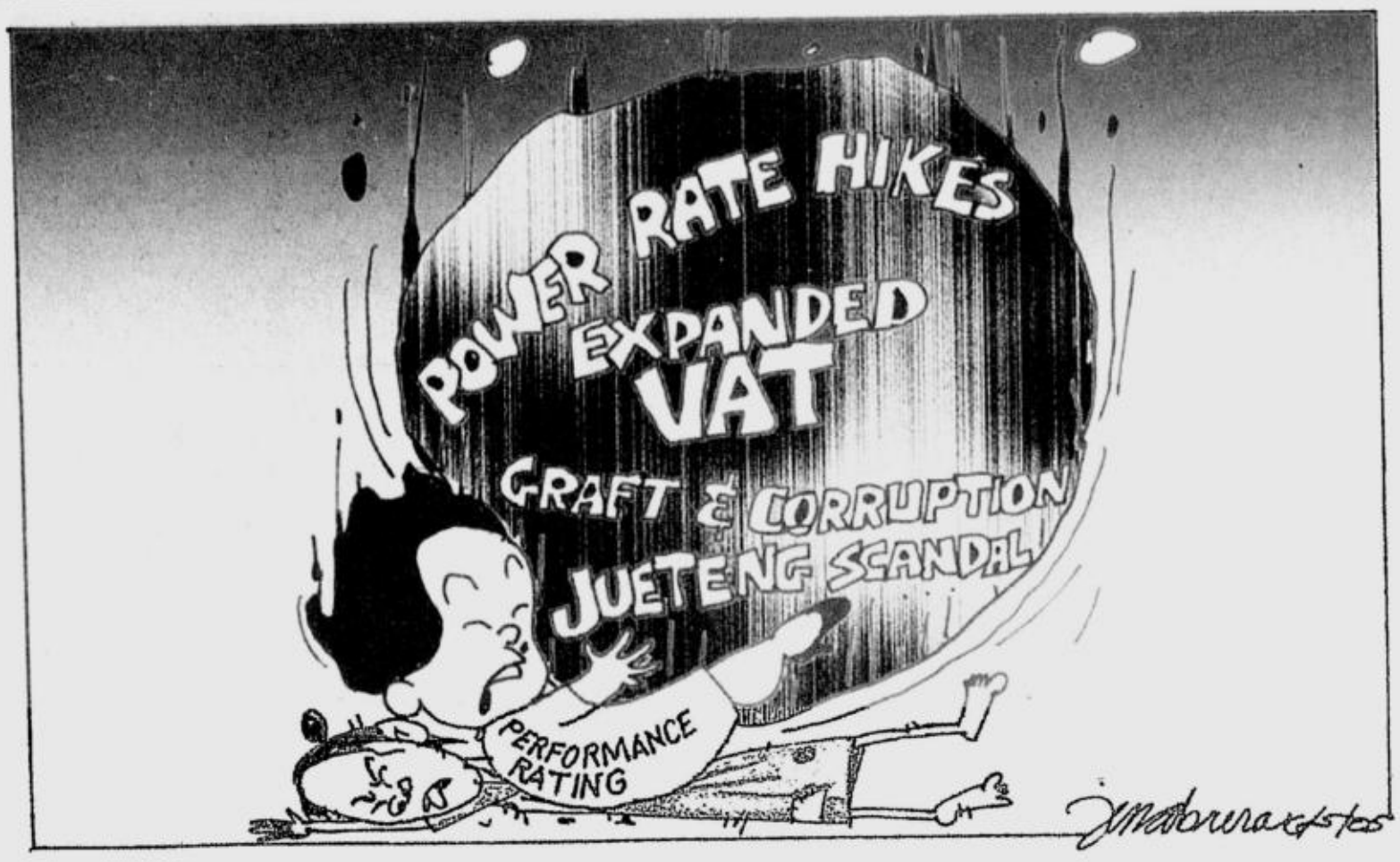
The motives of Felt in leaking inside information to the Post reporters—whether for patriotic reasons or over grievances that he had been passed over for FBI director after J. Edgar Hoover's death—are irrelevant to the main issue of the confidentiality. Deep Throat bound the reporters to the pledge not to quote him. They abided by that pledge.

Part of the reason why the Post editors stuck to their stories and kept their pledge was that they did rely on Deep Throat's story, aside from the fact that the information he passed on to them were verified with other sources. The paper put its credibility on the line with information from several sources, not only from Felt.

Woodward and Bernstein expressed the concern that the Deep Throat story has, over the years, "come to obscure the many other elements that went into exposing the Watergate story: other sources, other investigators, high-impact Senate hearings, a shocking trove of secret White House tape recordings and decisive interventions."

Bernstein warns emulators of investigative reporting seeking to bring down governments that "Felt's role in all this can be overstated...You see...that Felt largely confirmed information we had already gotten from other sources."

The broad basis of sources upon which the Post built its Watergate stories served to give it confidence in fending off pressures from the Nixon administration and in standing by its pledge to keep its sources anonymous. If the stories had not been built on solid foundations, the paper could have been less able to keep its pledge.



Unjust impositions

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

IN ADDITION to the minimum wage, public transportation fare, and tuition expenses, I believe that Congress should also regulate the price of medicines, subdivision stickers and parking fees. Financial charges on these additional subjects are determined in the practically unrestricted discretion of the corresponding companies that can impose and enforce their demands on the helpless public without accountability.

The most Congress has done to lower the cost of medicines is the Generics Act, which gives the patient a wider choice in the medicines he may purchase. But that is not enough. The difference in the cost of drugs of the same class is not substantial enough to give the purchaser sufficient financial relief. The cost of medicines in each class is still high compared to the lower price of foreign medicines like those from India.

Despite this well known fact, importation of such foreign medicines is discouraged and even prohibited by our government. Patronizing our own products is commendable but not where equivalent medicines from abroad are cheaper in preserving the health and even the life of our people. We have practically a drug cartel in the Philippines, with the principal foreign-owned drug companies monopolizing the distribution and dictating the cost of medicines.

These companies are known to indulge the physicians who prescribe their products with generous rewards, or bribes if you will, including vacations abroad with their families, all expenses paid by the donor. Such accommodations, together with the extravagant outlay for advertising and endorsements from talent-fee senators, is added to the price of the medicine. The customers must pay for all this without realizing the immense contributions they are forced to add to the earnings of the drug companies. Such deception cannot be unknown to Congress.

Another business raking in profits every year at public expense is the requirement for stickers for the use of subdivision roads. Entry into subdivisions, or even just passing through them, is not permitted without the necessary sticker dictated by the village company or the neighborhood association. Many motorists pay the steep prices for these passes, some costing as much as P1,000, to avoid the loss of time, gas and patience going through the congested traffic outside.

There is a law that makes subdivision streets public property but this is generally ignored and not enforced. Subdivisions claim they have to charge sticker fees for the upkeep of their roads that unauthorized—i.e., non-paying—outsiders have no right to use. A decision of the Supreme Court has held that opening private roads to ease traffic congestion is a proper exercise of the police power to promote public comfort and convenience. But this is not done even in Metro Manila where the number alone of cars requires such a regulation.

The third subject of unlawful exactions is the parking business. The only reason this abuse is not punished is that it is allowed by a tolerant government. The late Sen. Rene Cayetano sought to prohibit it but he passed away and, with him, his popular bill. Now Rep. Robert Jaworski Jr. is reviving his proposal, with, let us hope, a similar version Sen. Pia Cayetano will introduce as her father's daughter.

This is a business practice that is causing much inconvenience—and also injustice—to many people in Metro Manila. But it is thriving without remorse or limitation.

The reason some commercial establishments have folded up is the lack of parking space for their prospective customers. You cannot eat in a restaurant or go to a movie house if you have to walk a kilometer away from where you can park your car. People will naturally patronize a company where the management provides for parking space in the same building, or at least conveniently near it. This goes also for other businesses like banks, hotels, and shopping malls. Government offices and even schools should be included, like the university that collects from its students P40 a day for parking, on top of their tuition and other fees.

The argument that persons with full-time employment may use free parking space for their vehicles during their workday may be offset by requiring proof of the service and time that required the parking. An official receipt or a certification from the company where the business was transacted should be sufficient. Parking beyond the reasonable time required for the transaction can be subject to parking charges, but in no other case. Students with a full academic load will have to pay parking charges, but certainly not at the rate of P40 a day.

There may be certain worthwhile objections to these three basic proposals but a more careful study of the problems may be ironed out for the benefit of the public. Congress will be rendering a distinct service to the people if it could, after a thorough examination of these practices that are causing them much expense and inconvenience, device some way to prohibit them. It is an end devoutly to be wished.

'I' sight

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a man who went to his doctor to get a new pair of eyeglasses. The very next day, he was back to his ophthalmologist. "Are your glasses okay?" asked the ophthalmologist.

"My glasses are fine, but I am returning them, because my wife still doesn't see it my way," replied the man.

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 9, 9-13), we are reminded that God's way of seeing is broader than our way of seeing. He looks at sinners with respect, understanding, compassion and love. It is said that when God looks at us, He covers one eye so that He will not see the negative in us. The problem with many of us is that we open our two eyes, and even use magnifying glasses to see the negative in other people and in us.

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Are you a judgmental person? Remember the story about a farmer and his faithful dog? Every day, the farmer would leave the baby in the crib under the watchful eye of his faithful dog while he went out to farm. One day, however, when he was coming home, he was met by his dog all bloodied in its chest and mouth. In anger, the farmer got his bolo, slew the dog, and ran to the house. To his surprise, he saw the baby, safe in the crib, under which lay a big, dead snake, obviously killed by his faithful dog, which unfortunately, in his rush judgment and anger, he himself had earlier killed. How often have we "killed" people in our hearts and minds? How often have we labeled them?

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Whenever we are tempted to judge or to be closed-minded, let us resort to prayer, and ask for His sight: "Lord, this is how I look at it, but how do you look at it, Lord? This is how it looks from my end, but how, how does it look from your end?" May we always have the humility and the openness to broaden our horizons at any moment of our lives.

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Last week a couple walked into my office for counseling. It was a painful case of infidelity on the wife's part. At first, the husband was so full of anger. He said he could not forgive and trust again. We were going nowhere in our session when the wife said to the husband: "Did I not forgive you and trust you again when you also committed infidelity five years ago?" That was the breakthrough that made him realize that he too had sinned and had been forgiven. He too had fallen and had been raised. People who have never experienced falling and being forgiven often become proud and unforgiving. God has a hard time dealing with people who rely more on their goodness rather than on His mercy. To them I say: My goodness! Can't you see that your goodness is so little compared to God's mercy?

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By the way, how is your eyesight? Maybe you don't have a problem with your eyesight, but how about your "I" sight? Do you see "I," say "I," think "I," and do "I" most of the time? You better have your "I" checked. My guess is that you have a bloated "I."

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The following are the symptoms of having an "I" sight problem: selfishness, pride, arrogance, impatience, unforgivingness, manipulation, intolerance, anger, envy, sensitivity, deceit, denial, etc. If you have these, please consult the Lord in prayer. He will tell you that the cause of your "I" sight problem is your uncontrolled selfishness and high pride. The cure is simple humility. Humility toward God, and toward other people. It will lead you to see His sight, and that will enable you to see other peoples' sight.

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It's back to school once again. We salute all students who brave the road of education that will lead them to greater heights and sights, and the teachers and parents who accompany them on the road. Aside from knowledge and know-how, are we teaching the future generation to be generous and giving? Are we turning up children who have big heads and big pockets, but who have small hearts? Are we passing on our "I" sight disease unto them?

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Inviting you to the launching of "Heartfelt Moments" on Sunday, June 12, 2005, at the 6:30 p.m. Mass at Christ the King Seminary Church (E. Rodriguez Sr. Blvd., QC). This album (CD and cassette) is a collection of songs and prayers I have composed through the years, which I hope will inspire and bring people to a moment of prayer, especially the ones sung by the blind 11-year-old Fatima Soriano. May this album help cure people of their "I" sight, and make them realize that there are people who are laden with bigger problems than they are, and that there is a God who is bigger than our achievements, our sufferings, our illnesses and weaknesses. God willing, the visionary Julia Kim from Naju, Korea will join us in the launching. See you! Let us help Fatima gain her sight, and also help our Filipino SVD missionaries through the funds that will be raised from the sale of the album.

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A moment with the Lord:
Lord, please cure me of my "I" sight. Amen.

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The GSIS: P35-billion profit?

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

LAST week, the Social Weather Stations, in a survey for the Asia Foundation, came out with dramatic findings on the two most corrupt government agencies in the country for the month of December 2004. According to a recent Philippine Star report, the Government Service Insurance System and the Armed Forces of the Philippines were the two most corrupt offices in the public sector.

"One out of five respondents named the GSIS and the AFP as having the worst reputations for corruption. Twenty-two percent of survey respondents named the GSIS as the most corrupt, while 21 percent said the AFP was the top offender." The report went on to say that in a November 2003 survey, the GSIS was ranked third most corrupt behind the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Department of Public Works and Highways.

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The GSIS was established on Nov. 14, 1936, during the Commonwealth period, by virtue of Commonwealth Act No. 186. It was created primarily to provide life insurance benefits for government employees, including those of the Philippine Tuberculosis Society. The benefits also included retirement as well as disability pensions for those in the civil service. In the beginning, members of the regular force of the Armed Forces were part of the System, but this practice was discontinued a few years ago when I was still in the service.

As far back as I can remember, the GSIS was headed by distinguished personalities like Gregorio Andal, Roman Cruz Jr., Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., Dante Santos, Cesar Sarino and others. During all their years in office, there may have been complaints from members from time to time about delays in the release of loans and benefits, but never was the institution ever included in the usual list of corrupt government agencies. What is a most astounding development is that during the past few years, the GSIS has not only been included in the corrupt list—it now is at the very top of the heap, beating out the traditional bad eggs like the BIR, Customs and DPWH. When you have one out of five respondents in a survey saying that the GSIS is the most corrupt agency in government, it is time to take a closer look at the System.

By coincidence, only a few weeks ago, GSIS president Winston Garcia announced that the GSIS had made a remarkable P35-billion profit last year—a revelation which President Macapagal-Arroyo used as the rationale for Garcia's continued stay in office. As she put it, how can one argue against a P35-billion profit?

First of all, we must consider this P35-billion profit report very carefully. As any experienced executive will tell you, a smart accountant can make the figures in an annual report come out smelling like roses for the benefit of the boss. Just remember the statistics and bookkeeping practices used by the executives of Enron and Worldcom, which made people believe that they were hugely profitable corporations only to find out in the end that their shares had become worthless. The same is true with an American insurance company, American International Group (AIG), whose chair, Maurice Greenburg, was recently charged by New York State Attorney General Elliot Spitzer with manipulating financial records, hiding losses and other similar shenanigans. In our own country, there have been intermittent reports of overstated export figures by government offices. The most notorious window-dressing incident noted by the International Monetary Fund during the martial law years had to do with an overstatement of our international reserves. So, one must take with a grain of salt, these reports of tremendous profits, particularly when it emanates from an agency now perceived to be the most corrupt in government.

Incidentally, the Act creating the GSIS, which has been amended a number of times since its passage, provides for criminal liabilities for the use of GSIS collections for a purpose other than that authorized by the Act. This is one area of GSIS operations that should also be thoroughly scrutinized.

Since a significant number of our citizens have such a negative impression of the GSIS, it is important that we check out its profit claims. Such an undertaking should be handled by a non-government auditing firm nominated perhaps by the Makati Business Club or a similar entity. If Winston Garcia is sure of his figures, he should welcome such an audit for his own benefit and that of our taxpayers. And if it is true that the GSIS did make a profit of P35 billion, then Garcia deserves a promotion and the gratitude of the nation.

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Another question in the minds of many people is this: "If the GSIS is making so much money, how come it has been cutting down on pension benefits for widows and widowers, the sector in our society that can least afford these reductions?" While it is important for the GSIS to make profits to assure the viability of the System, the GSIS is still basically a service-oriented institution designed to assist and support its members, particularly our senior citizens who devoted the best years of their lives in government service.

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For some time now, each year that Garcia announces reforms and the implementation of programs to streamline his agency, the perception of the public is that the GSIS has grown more corrupt. In 2003, it was No. 3. Last year, it was No. 1 on the corruption lineup. The more reforms, the more corruption. Are we missing something?

News readership on the decline

COMMENTARY

Belinda A. Aquino

HONOLULU—One of my complaints as a teacher all these years is that students don't read anymore, generally speaking. If they do, they have a countercomplaint—and that is, the material they are asked to read is "too difficult." Or they cannot fully comprehend what they are reading. When I ask for some feedback about a particular reading, they can barely articulate an adequate response. The paradox is, most core textbooks being used in today's colleges and universities are illustrated with colorful pictures and study guides to improve students' understanding of their reading assignments. Book prices are astronomical because of the printing costs for such pictures and other graphical illustrations accompanying the text.

I can't help thinking on occasion that during my time as an undergraduate, my classmates and I read such intractable and really difficult novels and plays like "War and Peace," "Moby Dick," "The Sound and the Fury," "Ulysses" and "No Exit." We would struggle through the night trying to finish an assigned book because there would be a quiz the following morning. Then we struggled equally to comprehend concepts like existentialism, nihilism, social Darwinism and epistemology. We were reading most of the time. But we survived. Our advantage was we had good teachers who trained us in critical thinking and philosophy of science. Our professors' favorite question at times would be: "What does all this mean on a higher level of abstraction?" We were trained to think on a conceptual level.

Today, whenever I make a written comment about a student's paper, say, to improve the syntax, chances are he or she will come back and ask what syntax is to begin with. Since students don't read as much anymore, they also don't write well. The two go together. Students in this generation tend to talk or write in fragments, not complete sentences. Have reading and writing gone out of style? Or is this a reflection of the wider world's declining ability to read and write?

In a large measure, yes, because the technological revolution in recent decades has devalued the written word in favor of symbols and audio-visual representations. Television and the computers have taken over as the primary mode of communication. Every classroom boasts of all kinds of sophisticated audio-visual equipment. Lectures are often presented in power-point formats. Students would rather watch a video than read a book chapter or journal article. Literacy has taken a dip and students have never heard of critical thinking.

The "non-reading" circle is not limited to students, of course, although in terms of news readership, the younger cohort between 18 and 29 ranks lowest at 23 percent. This is another thing with students these days—they never read newspapers, even their own college newspapers or newsletters, which their classmates edit or write for. Their ears are plugged to some video device undoubtedly listening to some rap or rock music. And, of course, the ubiquitous cell phone has become some kind of oversized metal earring. The young are so self-absorbed. Children are growing up these days without the benefit of socialization.

George F. Will, one of the most durable syndicated newspaper columnists in the United States, notes that the news media "is fading into sunset years." You might awake one morning to a sound, he says, as "anachronistic as the clatter of horses' hooves on urban cobblestones." He is referring to the thud of a rolled newspaper being thrown into one's doorstep, which is getting rarer and rarer in the modern age.

Will cites further that the circulation of daily US newspapers is 55.2 million, down from 62.3 million in 1990. This is an ominous sign about deteriorating news readership, which is distributed as follows: 60 and older (60 percent); 50-59 (52 percent), 30-49 (39 percent), and 18-29 (23 percent). The question asked in this survey was whether they had read yesterday's newspaper. The younger the readership, the lower the percentage. In another survey, nearly three-fourths of those between 34 and 37 of age read a daily newspaper in 1972. Today only one-third of that cohort does.

Americans between ages 8 and 18 spend an average of six hours and 21 minutes every day with media of all kinds, but only 43 minutes with print media. Students turn on the TV as soon as they arrive home from school, watching for hours, and only doing their homework grudgingly during the commercials.

Will further cites that the combined viewership of the evening newscasts is 28.8 million, down from 52.1 million in 1980. That means people could care less about the news; they'd rather be watching a hilarious sitcom. The average median age of news viewers is 60. Hence, the sponsorship of newsprogramming by such products as Metamucil and Fixodent. "Perhaps," Will concludes, "we are entering what David Mindich, formerly of CNN, calls a 'post-journalism age.'"

In fact, many Schools of Journalism in major universities have already either merged with or added Mass Communication, or simply switched only to the latter altogether. It was a sad day a few years ago to see the Journalism faculty at the University of Hawaii at Manoa reduced to only four, and it had to be merged with Mass Communication in a reorganization scheme.

It has also been observed that baby-boomers, who came of age in the 1970s, "consume less journalism" and that fewer children are growing up in households where newspapers matter a lot. The young are obsessed with mass media but not with journalism, as these statistics show. Children between 8 and 18 have TVs in their room 68 percent of the time. About 33 percent have computers. And they carry their media paraphernalia around. About 79 percent have portable CDs, tapes or MP3 players. Sony's PlayStation Portable, which plays games, music and movies, sold more than half a million units after it was on the market last March.

Are newspaper reading and watching the evening news dying traditions? Americans, especially younger Americans are voracious, even obsessive, consumers of mass media, but not of print journalism.

Hopefully in the Philippines, where we still have several dailies and no shortage of newspapers, steady readership will continue to be a vibrant tradition.

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Will Vatican side with China?

NEWS ANALYSIS

Tiffany Wu

TAIPEI—Fr. Louis Shen, a Chinese Catholic who has spent half his life in labor camps, dismisses talk that Beijing will grant religious freedom to his countrymen in order to forge ties with the Vatican.

The Shanghai native was 22 years old in 1958, when he and other Roman Catholics were rounded up and accused of being counter-revolutionaries. He was sentenced to three years in jail and 25 years of hard labor in China's bleak western hinterland.

"The idea was reform through labor, so we had to endure two main hardships: not having enough to eat and physical exhaustion," Shen, 68, now a priest in Taipei, told Reuters.

"We had to go outdoors in sub-zero temperatures and they would shout: 'Work hard! If you work hard, you won't freeze to death!'" narrated the cherub-cheeked Shen, whose family converted to Catholicism almost two centuries ago. "People who protested were beaten or chained," he added. Shen says Chinese Catholics today have a much easier time than during the early, ultra-leftist years of the communist revolution. But only just.

While some priests are harassed from time to time, China allows an estimated five million faithful to worship openly—if they join the state-run Patriotic Catholic Association, which pledges loyalty to Beijing rather than to the Pope.

The Vatican says there are another eight million clandestine Catholics in the world's most populous nation, who secretly recognize the Holy Father, and they pray in underground churches.

Despite recent hints that China and the Holy See may be willing to reconnect ties severed in the 1950s, when Beijing expelled foreign clergy, Shen doubts the Chinese government is prepared to cede much religious authority to Pope Benedict.

He and many other faithful here say China's overtures to the Vatican are a cloak for its political goal: to force Taiwan's only European ally to break off diplomatic ties with the island, which China views as a renegade province unworthy of statehood.

"Communist China is willing to treat religion like politics. It is willing to create a church that is completely separate from universal values, with no particular ties to the Pope," said Cardinal Paul Shan, the top-ranking Catholic priest in Taiwan and the only ethnic-Chinese cardinal in the world.

China said in April it wants to normalize relations with the Vatican but on condition that the latter cuts ties with Taiwan and pledges not to interfere in Chinese internal affairs, which would include the appointment of bishops.

The dispute over bishops has been the main barrier to rapprochement for decades, as the authority of the Pope as head of the 1 billion-member Roman Catholic Church is largely based on his sole right to select bishops and cardinals worldwide.

"Communist China must first drop its conditions and change its attitude if it is to establish ties with the Vatican," said Shan, adding there has been no official contact between Beijing and the city-state in Rome since 2000.

The head of Hong Kong's Catholic diocese, Bishop Joseph Zen, has suggested that the Vatican is willing to compromise on the bishop issue and is also prepared to break off with Taiwan to secure religious freedom for its faithful in China.

Zen said it was "very likely" that an informal dialogue between the two may have begun in late 2004 through third parties.

While believers in the mainland far outnumber Taiwan's 300,000, the island's Catholic leaders do not think Beijing can reach an agreement with the Vatican soon.

China fears ceding too much authority to the Pontiff will have a domino effect on other groups, like Muslims and Tibetans, who also clamor for more freedom, Taiwan prelates say. They insist that the Holy See will not abandon Taiwan even if it moves its nunciature from Taipei to Beijing, saying religious channels are not solely built on diplomatic ties.

"There's no doubt the Vatican wants to establish ties with China," said Joseph Cheng, Archbishop of Taipei. "But the Vatican has never broken off ties with any country." Despite his reassurance, some parishioners are worried that the Vatican may be ready to give them up. A break in ties would also hurt Taiwan's aspirations to be viewed as an independent country. The Holy See is one of only 26 states that recognize Taipei.

"I think it's strange if the Vatican breaks off ties with Taiwan because God does not care about politics," said housewife Amy Lo after attending an afternoon Mass in Taipei.

For Shen, he welcomes any move that will help the faithful in China, but he does not have much confidence in the communists.

When his own sentence was rescinded in 1985, he was offered just 300 yuan (then worth about US$100) in compensation for two decades of forced labor as a painter and farmer.

"It's very clear in their Marxist-Lenin ideology that there is no God. That's their principle," he said. *Reuters*

The work of learning

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

I WAS happy to receive recently the assessment report on a new General Education (G.E.) course that I helped design. The course, "Sociology 10: On Being Filipino, A Sociological Exploration," has become one of the most popular courses in the G.E. social science cluster in the University of the Philippines-Diliman campus. Students consistently rated it "excellent," and the demand for additional sections has grown every semester.

Those who have taken it say the course has taught them to be reflective and to think more critically. Asked how the course can be improved, the students suggested more "visual aids" and more opportunities for class participation. These are fascinating comments because they reflect the changing conditions in which the work of learning is undertaken in our time.

Today's students are painfully aware of the amount of information they need to process in order to get a good education. Yet they also know that courses hardly leave them time to reflect on the relevance of such information to their own lives. They think more "visual aids" might help them cope better with information overload. I think we're dealing here with the distinct habits and expectations formed by a culture centered on television, billboards, computer graphics, and 3D animation.

More than half of my students in graduate seminar courses last year used PowerPoint in their reports. Such presentations certainly make note-taking easier, but I am not at all convinced they make thinking more efficient. There's something about the projected light that's hypnotizing; I think it induces fixation with the graphics rather than an interest in ideas. It activates the watching more than the listening function.

Far more than the need for greater use of visual aids, I find the students' clamor for more time to be heard in class encouraging. To me it indicates a more active engagement in the learning process. Maybe, it also represents a silent rebellion against sensory overload and against the notion that equates education with receiving rather than with sending messages.

These thoughts have come to me while reading Gerald Graff's book "Clueless in Academe: How Schooling Obscures the Life of the Mind." Graff thinks of university education as initiation into "the culture of ideas and arguments." The gatekeepers of academe, he says, have made this culture more opaque and the game of learning more difficult than it should be. The game is actually simple. Graff enumerates its three basic parts: "Listen closely to others, summarize them (their ideas) in a recognizable way, and make your own relevant argument." He calls this "argument literacy"—"the ability to listen, summarize, and respond."

Learning to listen is the starting point of intellectual discipline. It implies an awareness of the key issues in a discussion, as well as the ability to cut through the verbiage through purposive listening. Good listeners are good summarizers. They can classify ideas tossed out in an ongoing discussion almost instantaneously. They work with basic ordering schemes when processing ideas. This ability is not an instinctual endowment; it is acquired through practice and preparation. Good listeners are not only able to follow the arguments, they are also able to anticipate them because they try to identify beforehand the kind of debate or discussion they are entering.

One immediately recognizes a systematic listener behind every clear and concise summary. A rambling synthesis, on the other hand, is almost always the product of an undisciplined listener. One cannot conceal with language proficiency what is basically a disorganized train of ideas. The result would be glibness, not eloquence.

There are many who like to talk because of the advantage they have in the language being used. But their interventions are often either redundant or irrelevant because they spend more time framing the clever statements they want to make than listening to the flow of ideas. Instead of pushing the discussion forward, they retard it.

But there are others who, having followed the exchange of ideas carefully, are nonetheless unable to respond to the discussion. Sometimes the reason is their inability to connect the ideas to their own world or experiences; but often it is because they are not confident that they have understood what was said, or that they can express themselves in the same academic language. There is no cure for this except to ask, and to explain one's confusion without fear of ridicule.

One of the tricks in academe is to impress others by the exclusive use of conceptual language. Learning does involve some acquaintance with academic jargon, but it is not synonymous with its use. Whether I write for newspapers or journals, I seldom employ the vocabulary of my discipline, and the few times that I do, I try to express the same ideas on the same page in everyday language. It is no great deal to me that some of my colleagues think that what I am doing is not sociology but journalism.

In this kind of narrow academism lie precisely the impediments to university education. Instead of approaching the work of learning as a great adventure, students are led to think they must speak a different vocabulary in order to qualify as educated persons. "The point," says Graff, "is not to turn students into clones of professors but to give them access to forms of intellectual capital that have a lot of power in the world." That capital is nothing unless they can participate in the public conversation.

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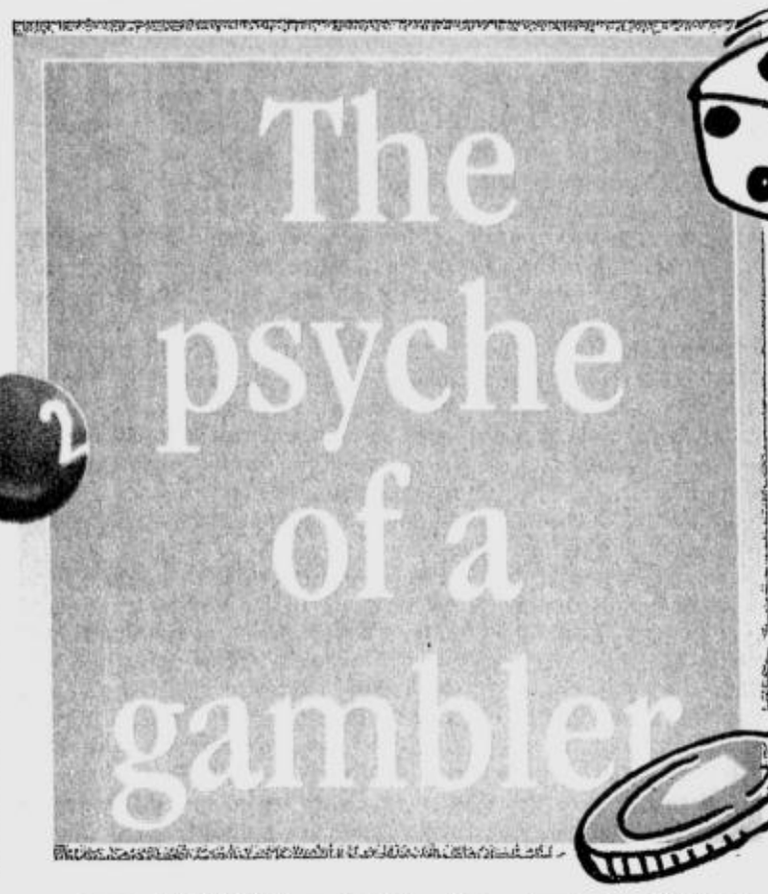
What makes Filipinos gamble?



By Jobart Bartolome

Archbishop Oscar Cruz is heading a crusade against gambling because he deplores how jueteng and other forms of gambling lure the poor to spend the little money that they have on bets.

Suppose our policemen and government officials do something they have not done in 500 years, that is, stop jueteng, will the poor stop gambling? Or will other forms of gambling surface?

What is the psychology of gambling? Why do supposedly rational individuals suddenly lose their sanity and bet their lives away? If the chance of winning the lotto jackpot is less than 1 in 5 million, why are millions of pesos spent on lotto bets everyday?

The psychology of gambling tells us that people lose their rationality in the face of opportunities to win easy money. They become oblivious to the staggering odds against winning. Many become victims of scams and swindling schemes because of the desire, if not greed, to have something big in exchange for so little.

The slot machine is one of the best examples of how the gambling procedure is able to empty one's pocket.

Pecking behavior

The slot machine is programmed by what psychologists call a variable schedule of reinforcement. In front of a slot machine, many people behave worse than pigeons in Skinner's lab. A pigeon's pecking on a particular spot increases when it is given reinforcement not after every peck (which is called continuous reinforcement) but after several pecks (ratio) or after pecking after sometime (interval). The ratio or interval schedule of reinforcement becomes more powerful (meaning creates more and faster pecking behavior) if it is made variable rather than fixed—in ratio for instance, not after every 10 pecks but an average of 10—after 8 then after 14 then after 5, etc. It becomes even more powerful when variable ratio and variable interval are combined.

In a slot machine, one does not know when he will win but the machine somehow knows the player. When the player is just about to quit, he almost wins or he wins a small amount. This is very reinforcing so he continues to play. He originally told himself that he'll stop if he loses P500. But he wins P300 before losing all of his P500 limit so now he need not quit yet.

His winning has fired him up. He continues to play. He loses his self-imposed limit of P500 and the P300 he won yet he continues to play. Along the way he loses more than he wins. An hour or two later he couldn't believe he's lost P5,000!

If a jueteng or lotto aficionado were to list his bets and winnings on a sheet of paper—the bets on the left side and the winnings on the right side, how will the list look after one year?

While it's possible that he will have won more than he has lost, it is most probable that his losses are far greater than his winnings. It is not difficult to convince people that the chances of winning the lotto jackpot, or even the jueteng is very slim. In fact, they know it. Yet, they continue to gamble. They are willing to lose a lot of money just so they have that chance of getting the pot, no matter how slim.

Gambler vs entrepreneur

A sensible business person would consider gambling as one of the surest ways to lose money. In fact, if we were to observe the behavior of successful entrepreneurs, we'd notice that what they do is the exact opposite of what gamblers do.

Gamblers want to risk little to get a lot. Entrepreneurs are also after large profits from small investments. But while gamblers want easy money fast, sensible entrepreneurs are aware that it may take time before profit comes in and are prepared to do what it takes to ensure that it does!

Gamblers often rely on all sorts of rituals and superstitions to ensure their winnings. A good entrepreneur carefully studies the market, the business and everything else he will need to make profit.

The gambler becomes impatient as he loses, so he spends more money to recover his losses, often placing bigger and bigger bets. He believes that his winning streak is just around the corner and does not notice that his chances of winning remain the same.

Some entrepreneurs are willing to go real slow, earning so little from each sale, but are basically after increasing their market share as a strategy.

Gambling strategies

Some gamblers employ certain strategies or, in the case of some forms of gambling, train and do exercises to increase their chances of winning. Take breeders of fighting cocks who are themselves *sabungeros*. They go to great lengths to choose the best breeds and train the cocks to fight well. All these efforts help—up to a certain point. The rest is left to luck!

A good entrepreneur does everything to ensure that the business will thrive: feasibility studies are done even before actual business starts, there is continuous product testing and development as well as marketing and promotions strategies to compete with similar products. While entrepreneurs also wish for luck, they leave little to chance.

It is so easy to blame the poor who continuously bet money on jueteng. It's as easy to say that it is also their fault they are poor because they gamble away the little that they have instead of saving their money or using the little that they have for small ventures.

As sociologist Randy David said in his column, for as long as advancement is based on patronage and not on ability, the poor will find it very difficult to earn adequate income, much less, to rise above their economic status.

Jueteng

Jueteng itself is proof of this. We cannot rely on the government whose task is to help citizens in need. There may be programs and projects in place, but connections are what it takes to get what one's needs. There are endless forms to fill, requirements to submit and procedures can be intimidating to the uneducated. But jueteng is so accessible and betting is easy.

One doesn't even need to fill up forms—in fact, jueteng collectors go door to door and receive bets right at one's doorstep! Hardly any bets are ever refused as even a one peso bet is allowed. Lotto requires a minimum bet of P10. Jueteng winners do not need to leave their homes as winnings are delivered to them, although a token or *balato* is expected.

It is not surprising then, for ordinary citizens to gravitate more towards jueteng than any of the legalized forms of gambling.

They are treated with deference no matter how small their bets are. To someone facing such a bleak future, that one peso bet is all that it takes to provide hope for something a little better than what they have. Perhaps, it does make such a big difference, having one chance in a million as opposed to no chance at all! A one in a million chance is infinitely bigger than a zero chance. It makes people feel better. This is also among casino gamblers. Although many lose a lot in the casinos, casinos make these gamblers feel like a million. They are given VIP treatment, sumptuous food, etc. Lonely people find happiness in gambling places that treat them so well. After all these places are siphoning their money. In a way, gambling may be regarded as a way to buy some hope and happiness.

Symptom of a problem

If Archbishop Cruz wants people to stop gambling, it will take more than putting a stop to jueteng. Gambling is but a symptom of a bigger problem. If people had better access to opportunities, they will have little time for jueteng and other forms of gambling. Even if they do gamble, it would only be "social gambling" and perhaps, they would opt for more wholesome ways of spending their time.

Many people lose their rationality because of certain desires and needs. Yet it is this same irrationality that makes people give up certain comforts to help neighbors in need, the one that allows people to defy danger in order to save others, the same irrationality that enables people to give up their lives for their country.

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GAMBLING probably dates back to biblical times. For thousands of years, people of all classes, ages and professions have been drawn to games and gambling.

Aside from the fun, thrill and excitement they give, hundreds of millions of people around the world participate in games of chance in one form or another with one thing in mind—to get rich quick or hit the proverbial jackpot.

In the Philippines, gambling has become a multi-billion peso industry that even the government has dipped its hands into it. The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. maintains several casinos in key cities and major urban centers across the country while the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office operates sweepstakes and online lotto draws.

The government also allows horse racing at the Sta. Ana and San Lazaro racetracks under the supervision of the Philippine Racing Commission.

Ret. Gen. Wilfredo R. Reotutar, author of the book "Anatomy of Gambling," said the existence of these state gambling institutions has not only abetted but also worsened the gambling habits of Filipinos. These gambling institutions have produced millions of gambling addicts, he said.

But for the masses who can't afford to go to the state-run casinos or play the lotto, there are several forms of gambling, albeit illegal, where they can bet a few centavos.

These include jueteng, the most popular numbers game, last two and *masiao*; card games such as *monte*, *sakla*, lucky nine, Russian poker and *pusoy dos*; *mahjong*, horse racing, *cara y cruz* and hi-lo.

Reotutar had estimated that about P100 million are wagered daily in all forms of illegal gambling in the entire country.

What attracts people to gambling? Theories abound and not even the experts know for certain. But even the most casual gambler can attest to the thrill that accompanies every wager.

(In last week's Talk of the Town issue titled "Why are Filipino kids not learning?" the sentence "This can be achieved by keeping short the schooling of children, especially lower-income families" should have read: "This cannot be achieved by keeping short...")

A review by the Department of Education has found that 21 elementary schools from the schools division of Pangasinan II, which is based in Binalonan, should not have been among the top 26 elementary schools for school year 2002-2003.)

Test your gambling addiction!

- Are you preoccupied with gambling—preoccupied with reliving past gambling activities, handicapping or planning the next 'action,' or thinking of ways to get money for gambling?
- Do you need to gamble with increasing amounts of money in order to achieve the desired excitement?
- Have you had repeated unsuccessful efforts to control, cut back, or stop gambling?
- Do you become restless or irritable when attempting to cut down or stop gambling?
- Do you gamble as a way of escaping from problems or feelings of helplessness, guilt, anxiety, or depression?
- Do you often try to 'chase' your loses, that is, returning another day to get even?
- Have you lied to family members, therapist, or others to conceal the extent of your involvement with gambling?
- Have you committed illegal acts such as forgery, fraud, theft, or embezzlement to finance your gambling activities?
- Have you jeopardized or lost a significant relationship, job, educational or career opportunity because of gambling?
- Have you relied on others to provide money to relieve a desperate financial situation caused by gambling?

If you answered yes to one or two questions, you are a problem gambler. If you answered yes to five or more, you are a pathological gambler and need professional help.

Origin of Gambling

Gambling is any behavior involving risking valuable or placing a stake on the outcome of a game or contest where the outcome is partially or totally dependent on chance.

Although said to be a form of recreation, it can become psychologically addictive.

Gambling may predate recorded history. Although its definite origin is unknown, there exist records describing the first official account of it in China, in 2300 B.C. It is believed that gambling, in one form or another, has been present in all of the ancient civilizations since.

During the Roman Empire, a decree to teach all children to gamble and throw dice was made. And while the French are credited for inventing playing cards, it was a German who printed the first full deck of cards.

A number of today's gambling games are incarnations of past ones. Napoleon liked the card game *vingt-et-un*, which is blackjack today. While poker was believed to have originated from a combination of ancient influences of Persian, Italian and English games of chance.

Other popular games are sports betting, horse racing, slot machines, roulette, *mahjong* and lottery. In the Philippines, there are also *jai-alai*, *masiao* and jueteng. ***Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research***

Forms of gambling

Casino games

Poker - card game in which players with the best combination of cards win

Blackjack - card game in which the goal of each player is to have a higher point total than the casino dealer without going over 21

Slot machines - coin-operated machines with three or more reels, the machine pays off based on patterns of symbols visible on its front when the machine stops

Baccarat - object of the game is to acquire a hand of cards with a total sum of nine.

Craps - popular casino game using dice. Players wager money against the casino on the outcome of one roll or a series of rolls of two dice

Roulette - a wheel with 37 or 38 separately numbered pockets is turned and a ball must land on one of the pockets

Fixed-odds gambling

Horse racing - principally "thoroughbred" racing, the activity involves wagering on the outcome of the race

Greyhound racing - dogs chase an artifical jackrabbit on a track until they arrive at the finish line

Jai-alai - handball-like game also called *pelota*. The object is to hurl the ball against the front wall in such a way that it cannot be returned

Non-casino games

Lottery - popular form of gambling which involves the drawing of lots for a prize

Majhong - object of the game is to build suits from either 13 or 16 tiles. The first person to achieve this goal wins the game.

Backgammon - board game for 2 players with each having 15 pieces moving between 24 triangles according to the roll of two dice. The objective is to be the first to move all 15 pieces off the board.

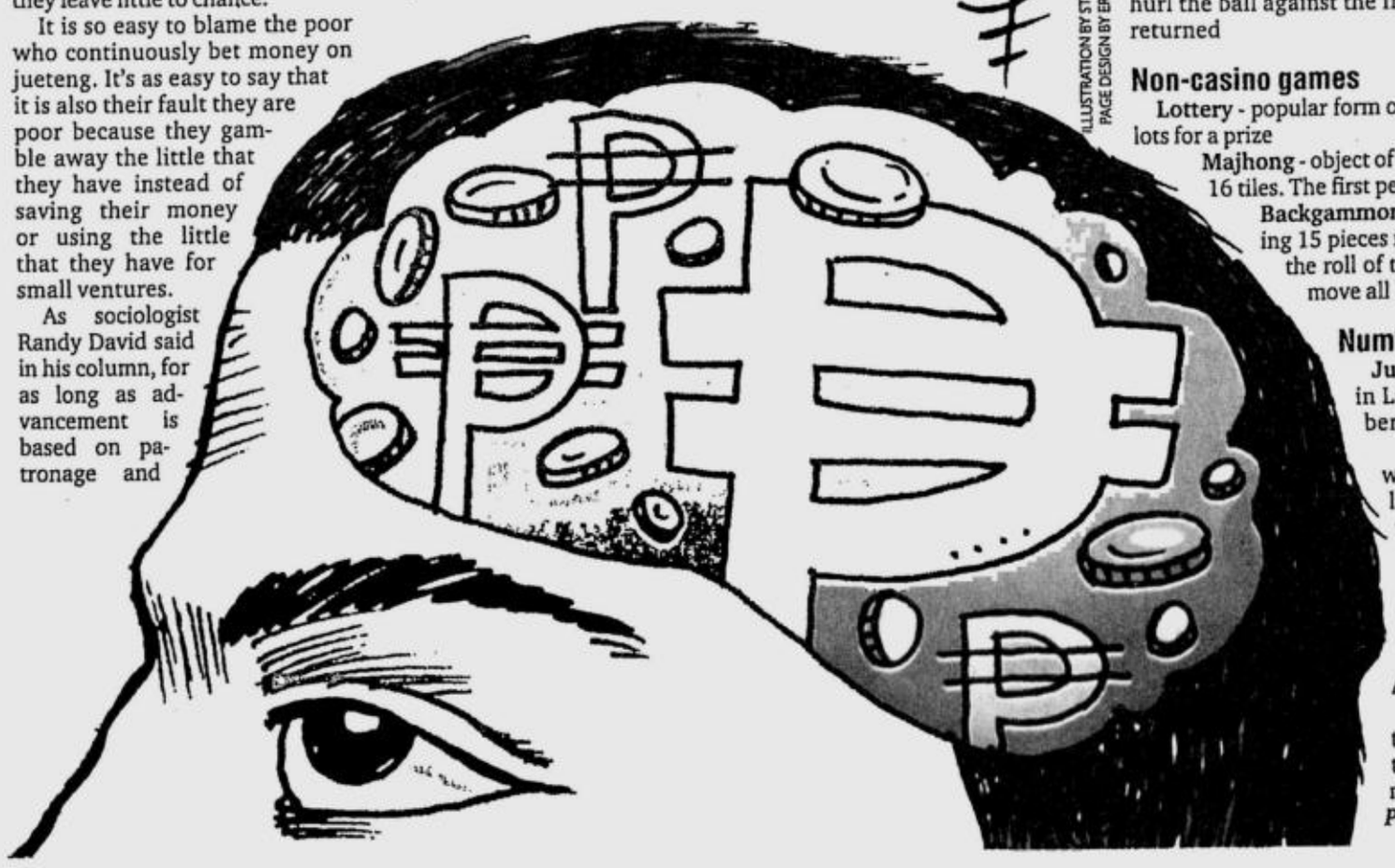
Numbers game in RP

Jueteng - illegal numbers game popular in Luzon that involves betting on two numbers from 1 to 37

Last two - numbers game where the winning combination is derived from the last two numbers of the first prize of the winning Sweepstakes ticket during the regular draws of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office

Masiao - illegal gambling where the winning combination is derived from the results of the previous game of Jai-Alai

Ball Alai - 10 balls are placed in a container and then 3 balls are drawn one after the other to come up with the winning combination. ***Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research***



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MILF says peace pact would end terrorism

CAMP DARAPANAN, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao—The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) gave an assurance yesterday that the peace agreement it would sign with the government would put an end to terrorism in the country.

But MILF chair Murad Ebrahim quickly said that the rebel group was not engaged in terrorism.

"We don't feel that terrorism can be a weapon in order to achieve our objective. It's against Islam, ideology, and we will not promote it," he said.

The MILF has been waging an armed rebellion for an independent Moro nation for over two decades now.

But recently, its officials said they were willing to strike a deal with the government even if it was not for independence as long as it would address the Bangsamoro's quest for self-determination.

Ebrahim told reporters here that terrorism was the product of a long period of problems remaining unsolved.

"Terrorism could only be resolved once the issue that is promoting it will be finally addressed," he said.

Ebrahim said that the peace agreement envisioned by the MILF would certainly solve terrorism.

"If there is a peace agreement, there is effective governance, there is an authority, and then it will be very difficult for the terrorists [to operate]," he said.

He said with the rebellion gone, the government would be able to concentrate its force against terrorists.

"There would be a full control of the area. With the situation in Mindanao still in a war situation, it is very difficult for them, government or any other group to control the entry of terrorist," Ebrahim said.

"So, until there is relative peace and effective governance in Mindanao, then you can expect it's very difficult to control terrorists' entry," he said.

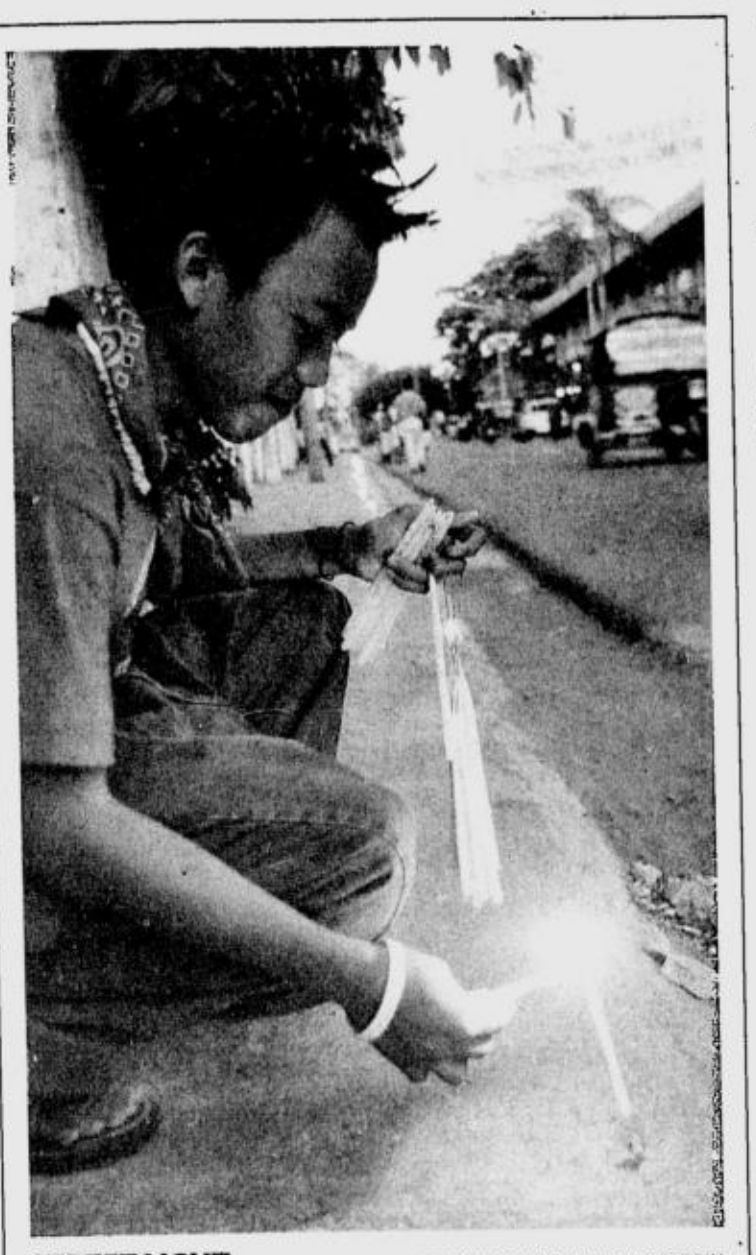
Ebrahim said the peace agreement would also allow the MILF to help in the government's antiterror campaign.

"In running after [members of the Jemaah Islamiyah] JIs, it's difficult because you see in every area, we cannot freely move around because there are still problems about possible mis-encounters with government troops," he said.

He said although the MILF wanted to help, it could not do anything at the moment.

"However, we cannot assume the responsibility of the Philippine government in running after them (terrorists and criminals) because we are still at war and we are still a revolutionary movement," Ebrahim said.

The government had provided the MILF a list containing the names of 53 suspected terrorists in Mindanao for verification. *Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



STREET LIGHT TROY MALCOLM/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

A Zamboanga City resident joins protests against the planned transfer of the headquarters of the Southern Command from the city to Pagadian.

EO signed moving Puerto, Palawan to W. Visayas

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo signed last week the Executive Order transferring Palawan and Puerto Princesa City from the Southern Tagalog to the Western Visayas Region.

Executive Order 439 said the transfer was needed "to accelerate the effective administration of field and public services."

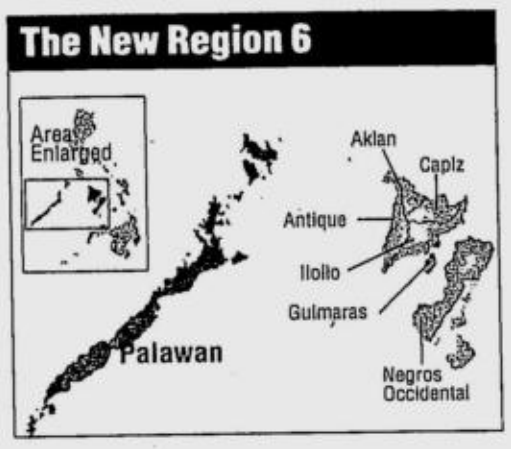
The Department of Interior and Local Government would supervise the transfer.

Ricardo Austria, DILG provincial director, said the DILG will have to wait for instructions from Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes and the regional office before taking any action.

He said he was not sure how long the transition period would be but he said the only problem is transportation going to Iloilo where most of the regional offices are located.

A press statement from the DILG in Manila said Reyes ordered Undersecretary for Local Government Eduardo R. Soliman Jr. to immediately coordinate with the local chief executives and other officials of the concerned province, city and regions for a smooth transfer of the affected local government units.

Rodolfo Feraren, DILG Region IV director, and Evelyn Trompeta, Region VI director, are now preparing the work plan for the administrative transfer of province and city.



Reyes said in the press statement that the President issued EO 439 "to guarantee the effective delivery of field and public services of government agencies and accelerate social and economic development in the regional and local levels."

Gov. Joel Reyes during earlier interviews said that the transfer should be given a try because it could be more beneficial to Palawan.

However, he said that a separate Palawan region would be more ideal.

He added that he could not do anything because the President already decided and it did need a referendum where Palaweños could say "yes" or "no."

The implementation of EO 439 will only take effect after its publication in a newspaper.

The Palawan State University College of Law will sponsor a forum on the move to transfer Palawan to Region VI in June 10 at the Capitol Multi Purpose Hall, Capitol Building.

The transfer to Region VI was first confirmed by Ms Arroyo when she went to Rio Tuba, Bataraza in April 13.

Since then, until the signing of EO 439, there had been no consultation with Palaweños.

The reorganized Region VI will now be composed of the provinces of Iloilo, Antique, Aklan, Capiz, Negros Occidental, Guimaras and Palawan, and the cities of Iloilo, Passi, Roxas, Bacolod, Silay, Talisay and Puerto Princesa. *Jofelle P. Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Politics seen as main cause of clan wars in Muslim Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—Political rivalry remains to be one of the top causes of clan wars in some areas of Mindanao, studies conducted by respected conflict researchers showed.

During the two-day forum on "*rido*," or family feud, held at the Marco Polo Hotel here, the researchers also agreed that at times, clan wars have led to more serious cases of violence involving the military and Moro rebels.

Aside from political rivalries, land disputes were also blamed for clan wars that take place in many parts of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The studies have also said that clan wars normally occur in the areas with extreme poverty, armed conflicts, governance problems and inadequate delivery of basic services.

Dr. Moctar Matuan, PhD, executive director of the Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao based in Marawi City, said that in Lanao del Sur alone, political rivalry was behind the death of most of the 669 people killed in clan wars during the past 11 years.

His study tallied a total of 337 *ridos* in 39 towns and one city of Lanao del Sur.

Only six people involved in the said clan wars had so far been imprisoned.

"Political rivalry was among the leading causes," Matuan said. The other causes he identified, aside from land disputes, include the concept of *maratabat* (pride) among Muslims.

Dr. Jamail Kamlian, of the MSU Iligan Institute of Technology, said in a similar study that smaller clan wars tend to blow up into a larger-scale conflict between separatist Moro rebels and government troops.

He said several encounters occurred in the past which actually began from petty clan wars.

"Petty family feuds have aggravated the conflict in Mindanao as these have been the causes of killings or armed encounters," Kamlian wrote in his study entitled: "Incidences of clan conflict and conflict management: Survey of feuding families and clans in selected provinces of Mindanao."

"In some cases, some clans would join the Army to get back at another clan known to be sympathetic to the Moro rebels," Matuan, a sociologist, said in an interview.

In Maguindanao, 218 cases of *rido* occurred from 1970 to 2004, claiming 811 lives and wounding 369, according to another study by Abhoud Syed Lingga of the Institute of Bangsamoro Studies. The clan wars also displaced over 500 families in Maguindanao.

Fr. Albert Alejo, executive director of the Mindanawon Initiatives for Cultural Dialogues, the group that hosted the forum, said the studies were made in the hope of influencing policy makers. *Germelina A. Lacorte, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Mayor praises malaria victims

EXPRESSING deep appreciation for the work of Reyster Langit, Christian Macadaeg and Arnold Tañare in documenting the fast dwindling Tao't Bato tribe in the hinterland of Rizal, Mayor Edward Hagedorn lamented that they had to lose their lives while doing so.

At the wake of Macadaeg, a reporter based in Puerto Princesa City, Hagedorn said in a statement that he praised the group for their work.

"Although malaria is no longer a threat in Puerto Princesa City, we value life more than anything else," said Hagedorn's statement.

'Quiet' takeover of John Hay starts

BAGUIO CITY—The Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) mounted what appeared to be a quiet takeover of Camp John Hay on June 1.

The John Hay Management Corp. (JHMC), BCDA estate manager for the former American rest and recreation center, took operational control of the Camp John Hay Special Economic Zone by instructing small businesses operating here to stop remitting their payments to the Camp John Hay developer.

The developer, Camp John Hay Development Corp., owes the government P2.3 billion in rent, JHMC said.

Instead, the JHMC ordered 48 locators like Hotels Inc., Inbound Pacific, retail branches of Adidas, Angles Bar, Brother's Burger, Camp Nike, Carlos' Pizza, Dencio's, Starbucks and Figaro's Cafe to pay to a government escrow account that will be established by the BCDA.

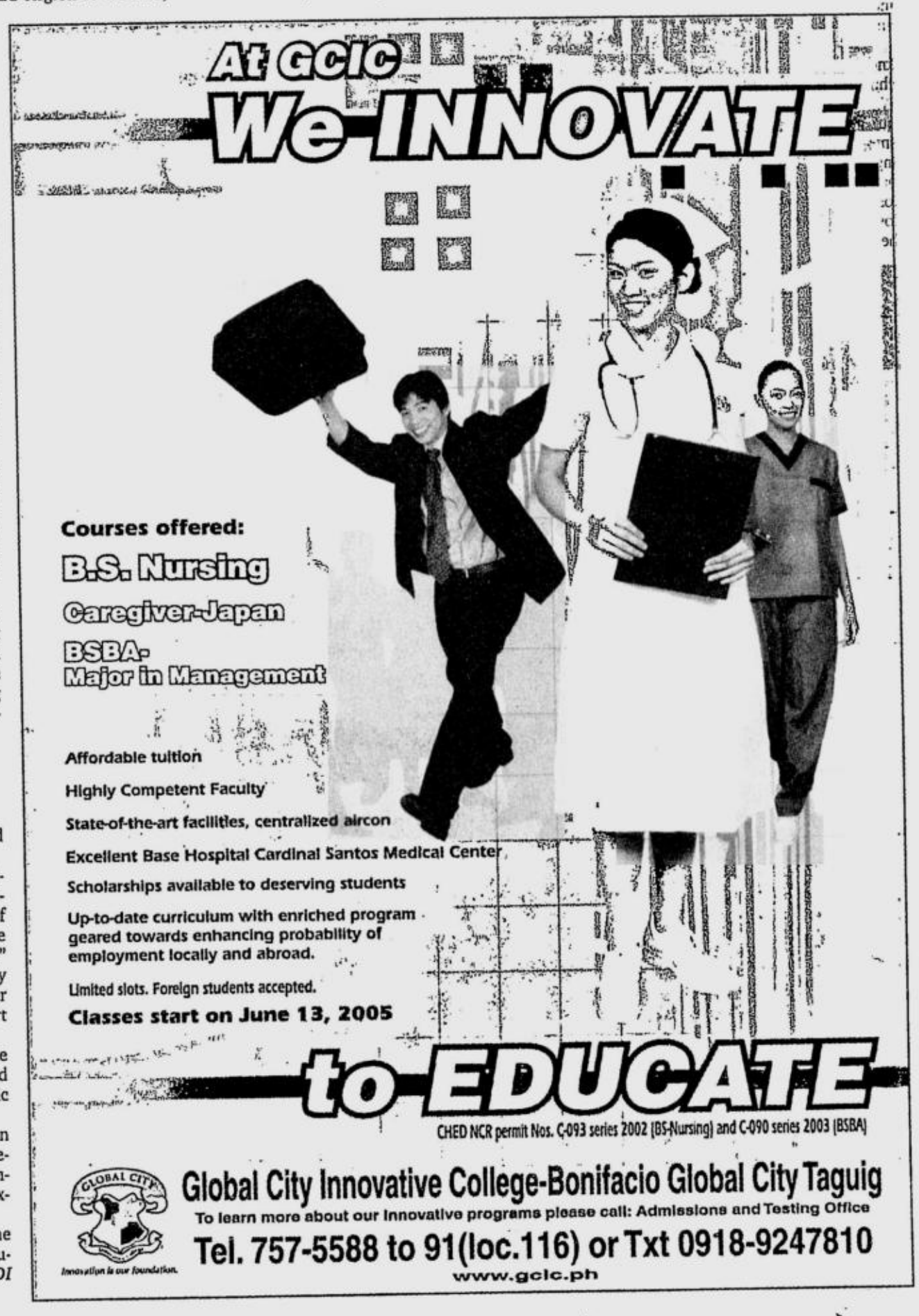
Francisca Moredo, JHMC acting president, and lawyer Lyssa Pagano-Calde, JHMC legal officer and BCDA spokesperson, also directed business establishments inside John Hay to enlist in an accreditation process that would require them to pay a $50-fee.

"Under Article 1652 of the Civil Code, sublessees are held subsidiarily liable for the obligations of the lessee. Hence, as sub-lessees of CJHDevco you shall be held subsidiarily liable to BCDA in the amount of rent due from you," read the June 1 memorandum issued by Moredo and Calde to Virginia Campos, owner of Virgmar's Cottage Industry Trading and Art Park.

But the accreditation directive advised the businesses that enlisting does not shield them from taxes, unlike in regular economic zones.

The Supreme Court issued a resolution on March 29 nullifying with finality the tax benefits granted to the John Hay zone and all other BCDA-administered economic zones, except for the Subic freeport.

The court ruled that Republic Act 7227, the BCDA law, did not prescribe tax benefits to future economic zones. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



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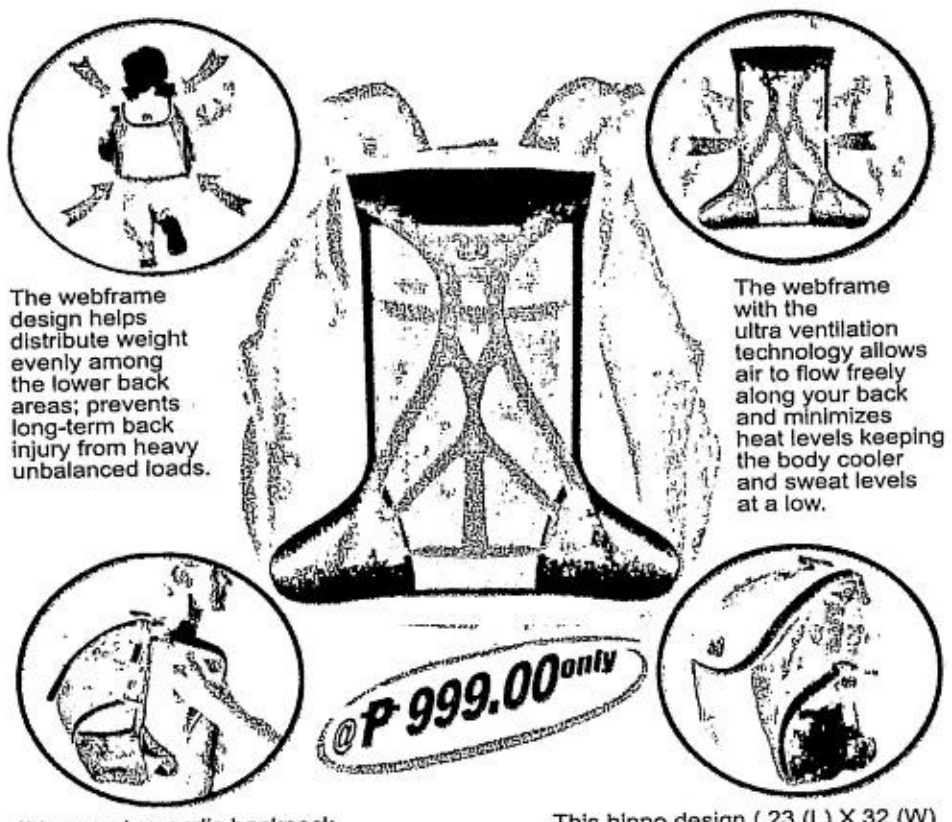

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INQUIRER Mindanao

War games kids play

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
North Cotabato

HIS BURNT skin reveals all the difficult hurdles he had gone through as a fighter of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). His deep eyes are filled with passion for his cause.

ILLUSTRATION BY STEPH BRAVO

At one glance, as he stood in a corner with a rifle, he is a proud member of the rebel group that has been waging war against the state for the last three decades, in the name of freedom for the Bangsamoro people.

But Abdul the Warrior is only 17 years old.

Abdul joined the MILF when he was only 12. He admitted that he was fascinated by the teachings of the elder rebels who were constantly going around their village to educate the people, especially those who are interested in becoming fighters or supporters.

"I had Arabic classes and there I learned and understood the problems of the Bangsamoro… the problems of my family, my relatives, my neighbors… my problems," Abdul said in Filipino.

He said he was not aware of realities that confronted his poor family although he knew how difficult it was for his parents to raise them well and send them to school.

"A lot of factors pushed me to join the MILF. Our problems and the fact that the Bangsamoro people are still shackled are more than enough reasons to fight for freedom," Abdul said.

In the heart

"Rebellion now resides in my heart," he added.

For some, the teenager's reasons for joining the armed group just made sense.

His village in North Cotabato is a testament of government neglect. There are no roads, which some government officials blamed on many years of resistance by the MILF in the area to allow government services to come in.

The village has been a constant battleground between government troops and Moro rebels. A few meters away is the Liguasan Marsh, the stronghold of the MILF.

"We look at war as a game… and the battleground is our playground," Abdul said.

Abdul may not be the youngest member of the MILF. Several studies indicate that some rebel recruits are as young as 10 years old. Others are even young girls.

Study on child soldiers

A recent study conducted by the Philippine Human Rights Information Center (Philrights) shows that recruitment of small children to become soldiers are still being practiced by the MILF and other armed groups, such as the communist New People's Army, tribal armed groups, and even the government-backed Citizens' Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu) and other paramilitary units.

Chiqui Buenaventura, Philrights research associate, said the study covered 11 areas all over the country. For Mindanao, it covered the Davao regions, North Cotabato and Zamboanga del Sur.

Philrights was established in July 1991 by the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (Pahra). It seeks to undertake and disseminate information, research and analyses about human rights.

In Mindanao, Buenaventura said, the researchers were able to interview two child soldiers serving the Cafgu, 34 children serving the NPA, and 25 children serving the MILF.

Female recruits

"Based on the research, we found that most child soldiers are male and they are doing military tasks, even at their young ages, which means they are combatants or fighters," Buenaventura said.

She noted that the female recruits were doing auxiliary jobs, which included serving as messengers and spies.

Poverty and government neglect topped the reasons that lured children to join the armed groups, Buenaventura said.

"These children are living in very depressed areas. If not completely absent with government assistance, the government failed to give enough assistance to these villages, especially in the fields of health, livelihood and education," she said.

Because of this, she said, they were left with no option but to join the armed group as the movement appeared very fascinating to them.

Another reason, Buenaventura said, was family background. A child with rebel parents or relatives is most likely influenced into joining the movement.

She said most of the child soldiers interviewed had histories of abuse and atrocities in the hands of the military.

In the case of the MILF, the most prominent reason is the belief of the child soldiers in the ideology and advocacy for liberation through a holy war *(jihad)*.

'Invisible' group

Citing a 1999 report of the International Labor Organization-International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC), Buenaventura said 10 percent of the children in every community influenced or controlled by any armed group were soldiers.

There are no actual statistics of children involved in various armed movements, she said.

She pointed out that it was very difficult to know the exact figure because the child soldiers have developed an "invisible nature."

"We have what we call the invisible nature of the child soldiers. In the Philippines, we have the phenomenon of part-time-child-part-time-soldiers," she said.

"When it is school season, the child soldiers are studying, leaving their arms in the camps. They live like ordinary children, but when the school is over, they go back to the armed groups and serve as child soldiers again," Buenaventura said.

"This is an issue that needs attention and resolution from the government and other concerned agencies," she stressed.

Age limit

Under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), state parties shall refrain from recruiting any person under the age of 15 into the armed forces.

A study, titled "Child Soldiers in the Philippines" and undertaken by Merliza Makikano of the International Labor Affairs Service-Department of Labor and Employment, indicated that when the MILF established its stronghold, Camp Abubakar, in Maguindanao, it trained child soldiers on military preparedness.

It quoted the late MILF Chair Hashim Salamat as saying that the rebel group "is planting the seed of struggle in the minds of young people so that future generations will be able to fight for freedom if it doesn't come in our lifetime. We want to find peaceful solutions… but we have to prepare ourselves to fight."

MILF policy

In an interview, Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said children are not actually allowed to carry arms, except for those who were orphaned by war who has access to the camp.

"These children have made life in the camp—trainings and education—as their way of life. They are left with no one to watch over them and we can not just allow them to live their lives … they better stay in our camps," Kabalu said.

While admitting that the MILF has child soldiers, Kabalu said they were not allowed to be on the frontline. He said the entire rebel force has at least a "couple of dozens" of child soldiers.

Asked to comment on the UNCRC's statement about child soldiers, he said: "We are talking of two totally different worlds here."

Worth the sacrifice?

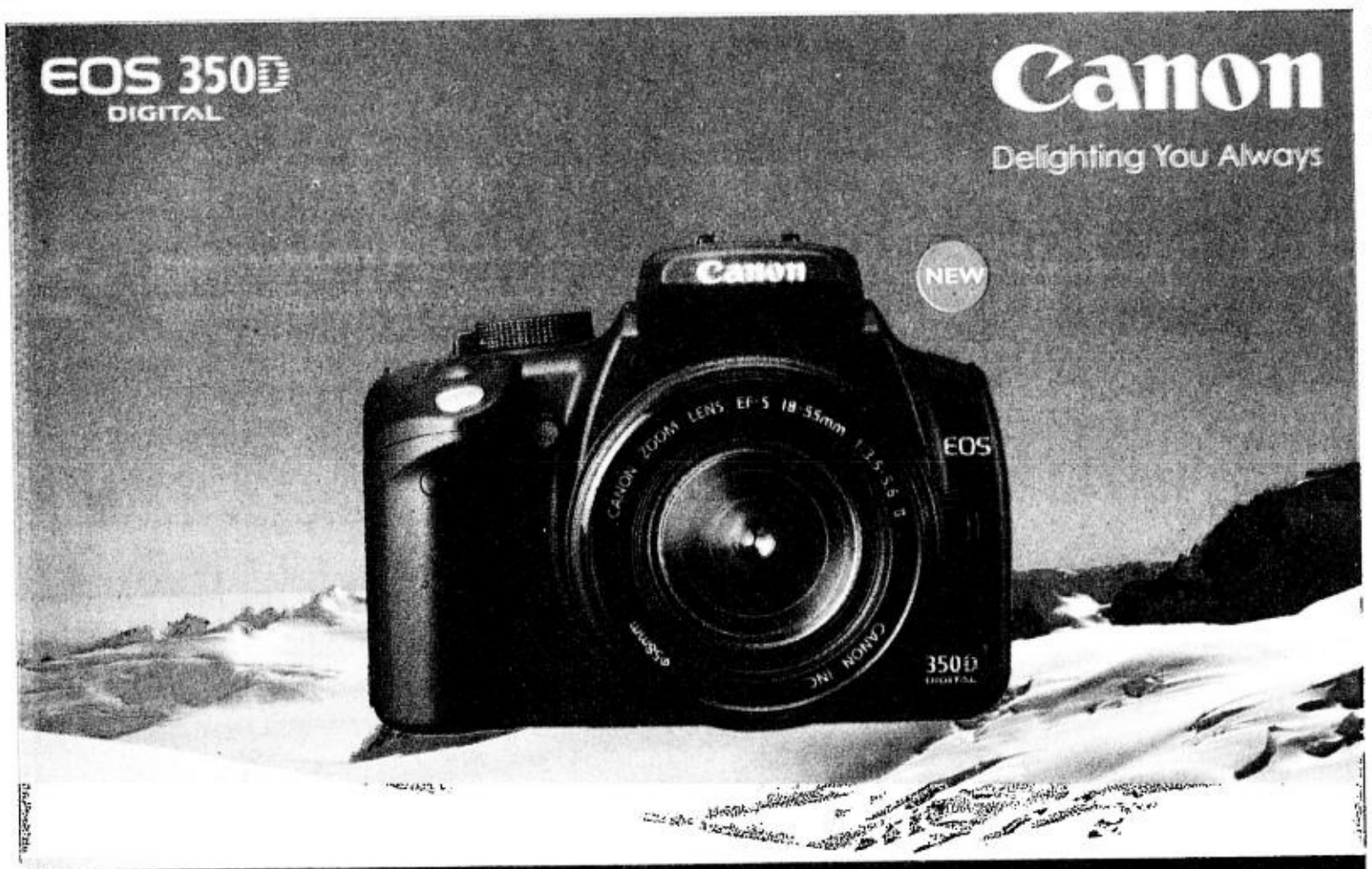
"What we are concerned as it is very essential to us is our culture and religion… the life of the Bangsamoro. The Bangsamoro people's perspective and definition of age, of minor or adult, is very different from theirs," Kabalu said.

For Abdul, fighting for the independence of the Bangsamoro people is worth all the sacrifices he has gone through.

He admitted that, in a way, he envied other youngsters his age who have all the time to go to school and play.

"But going to school and having time to play is nothing but temporary happiness… those things would all be worthless without our freedom. I don't need to go to school," Abdul said.

"I don't have personal plans anymore. What I know is that we have to be free."



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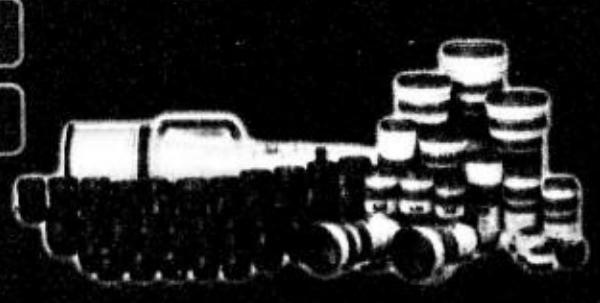

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Farmer points at ex-cop as killer of journalist

By Jolene R. Bulambot
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—A farmer presented as the first prosecution witness in the murder of Pagadian City journalist Edgar Damalerio positively identified former policeman Guillermo Wapille as Damalerio's assailant.

Edgar Bongue, 33, a resident of San Pablo, Zamboanga del Sur, testified before Cebu Regional Trial Court Branch 19 Judge Ramon Codilla that he was in the company of Damalerio and saw Wapille, armed with a handgun, shoot the journalist and hit the victim in the chest.

Wapille was accused of shooting Edgar Damalerio, managing editor of the Mindanao Scribe and radio commentator of dxKP, on May 13, 2002, in Pagadian City while the journalist was driving his jeep.

Bongue told the court that he knew Wapille because they were former neighbors in San Pablo, Zamboanga del Sur.

Bongue said he was a friend of Damalerio because the journalist helped him in April 2002 on his complaint against toll collection allegedly by members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in his hometown.

Damalerio, the witness said, led a rally to stop the toll collection.

Bongue said he tagged along with Damalerio on May 9, 2002, after the journalist expressed fears for his life.

2 school execs defy Ombudsman

TUGUEGARAO CITY—Two officials of a university here have continued to report for work despite an order from the Office of the Ombudsman suspending them, the INQUIRER learned on Friday.

In an April 14 decision, the Ombudsman ordered the preventive suspension without pay of Roger Perez and Fe Aresta, president and vice president, of the Cagayan State University (CSU) for alleged gross misconduct and oppression of one of their faculty members.

Victor Fernandez, Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon, suspended the two officials for two months without pay based on an administrative complaint filed by Elma Gismundo, instructor of CSU's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Lawyer Haxley Galano, the complainant's counsel, questioned why the Commission on Higher Education has not yet implemented the suspension order, 45 days after it was issued.

Gismundo accused Perez and Aresta of several acts of harassment, which include the alleged altering of her performance evaluation and the downgrading of her status of employment, from permanent to temporary. This demotion had supposedly prevented her from getting loans from lending agencies.

Aresta also allegedly ordered the withholding of the salaries of Gismundo and her husband.

"We find that the evidence of guilt against (Perez) is strong and that the same constitutes grave misconduct and oppression if later on proven," the suspension order said. *Melvin Gascon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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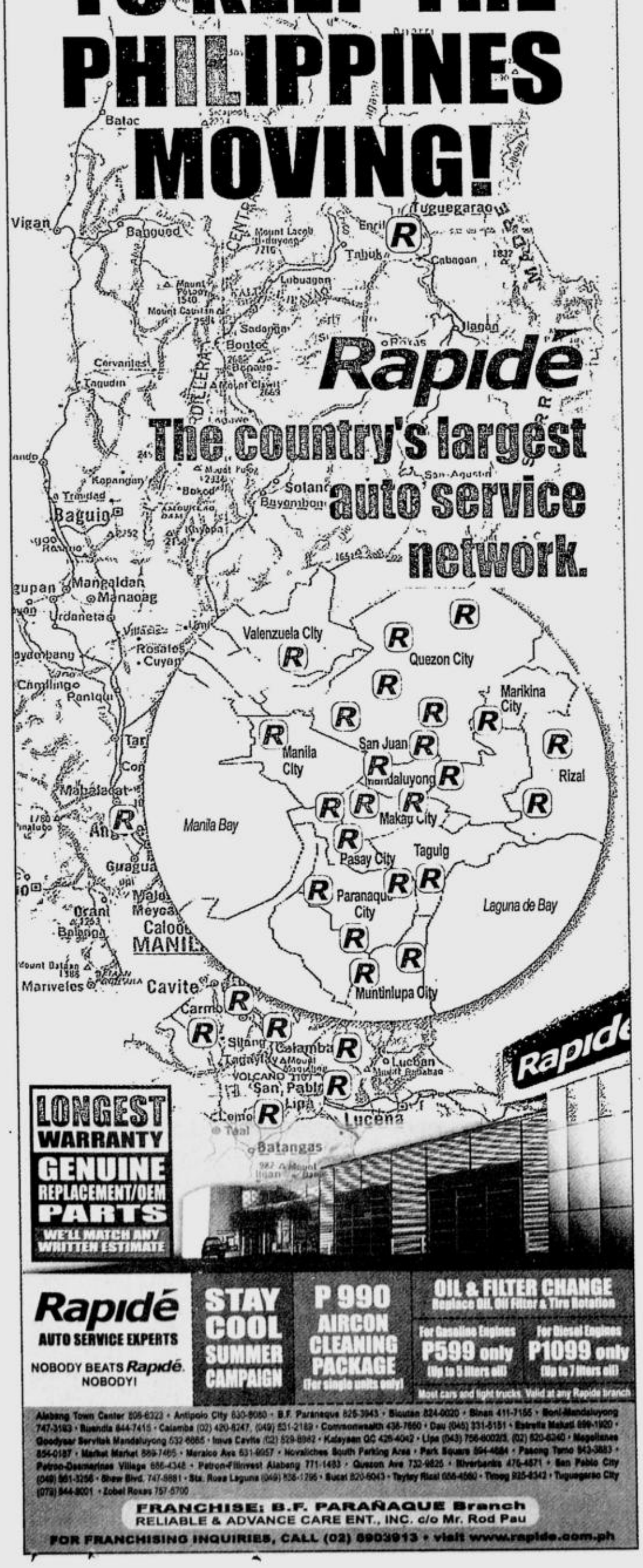

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Kasama ang iba't-ibang ahensya ng pamahalaan, kapulisan, mga LGU at pribadong kumpanya, pinaghahandaan ng DepED ang kaayusan ng darating na pasukan.

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- Hindi na puwedeng tumanggap ng bayad ang mga guro o sinumang opisyal ng paaralan.

Handa na ang mga classroom at school building.
- **Mayroon tayong 2-shift policy**. Upang matugunan ang kakulangan ng mga classroom, dalawang beses nating gagamitin ang mga ito. Sa ganitong paraan, higit na maraming bata ang makapapasok ngayong taon.
- **Scholarship sa private school o "Education Service Contracting"**. Naglaan ng P1.5 bilyon ang pamahalaan para makapasok sa pribadong high school ang mahigit na 375,000 na estudyante mula sa nagsisikipang pampublikong high school.
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- **Malinis at maayos na ang mga paaralan.** Mahigit 20,000 paaralan ang nakilahok sa Brigada Eskwela. Umabot sa P1 bilyon ang halaga ng boluntaryong tulong ng mga guro, magulang, mag-aaral at ng komunidad para sa pagsasaayos at paglilinis ng mga paaralan.
- **Sa pamamagitan ng Sagip Eskwela**, isinaayos ang halos 750 classrooms at itinayo ang 128 na bagong classrooms sa mga lugar na nasalanta ng bagyo noong nakaraang taon.

Handa na ang mga guro.
- Nakahanda ang DepED kumuha ng **10,000 na bagong guro**.
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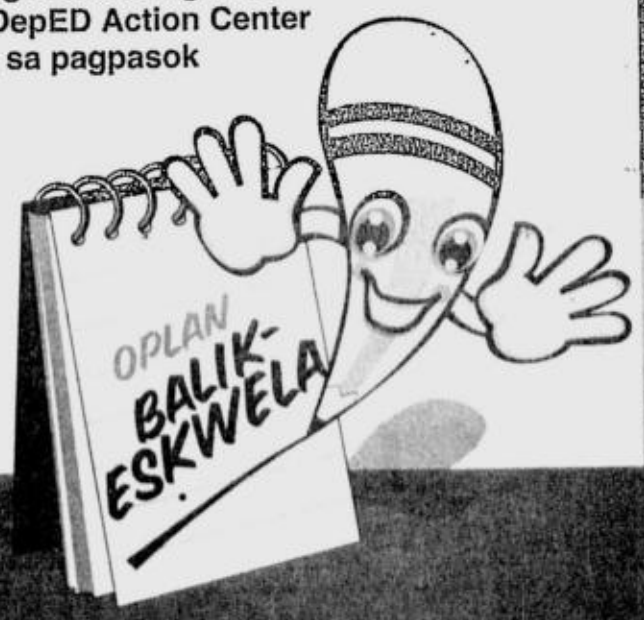

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P15 confirms 'jueteng,' leads to cops' sacking

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CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—Two police officers in Central Luzon were fired after antigambling agents confirmed the continued collection of "jueteng" bets and seized P15 from a bet collector.

Insp. Epafrodito Alliling, acting police chief of Meycauayan, and PO3 Nick Aspelli, intelligence chief, were recalled to this regional police headquarters to face investigation pending the filing of administrative charges, according to Senior Supt. Perfecto Palad, chief of the regional task force against illegal gambling.

The cause of their relief was a P15-bet seized by task force members from a collector at the public market in Barangay Saluysoy there on Friday morning, Palad said.

The collector was getting bets for a jueteng variant, *loteng*, whose winning numbers were based on the numbers drawn for the government-run lotto.

Director General Arturo Lomibao, Philippine National Police chief, earlier imposed a "one strike policy" on the police crackdown on jueteng.

Under the policy, police officials in towns and cities where jueteng operations persist would be relieved if a raid turned positive. Three positive raids will mean the relief of the provincial police director.

Supt. Fernando Villanueva, Meycauayan police chief, was spared the axe as he was on leave to recuperate from injuries that he suffered from a recent car accident.

Senior Supt. Benedict Michael Fokno, Bulacan police director, said the suspect, a woman, was one of the displaced jueteng personnel in the town who tried to collect bets to earn money for her children's school needs.

The two officers were relieved as reports about the continued collection of bets for jueteng reached higher officials. *Tonette Orejas and Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

ROUNDUP

Help for 'jueteng' collectors

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Palawan 2nd District Rep. Abraham Mitra said the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) and not the welfare department is the agency that could help jobless "jueteng" collectors. Last week, Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman said her agency had prepared a P5-million livelihood program for jueteng collectors who had become jobless because of the government's efforts to crack down on the illegal numbers game in the country. But Mitra said the DSWD should focus on those who badly need assistance. He said PCSO could be of help since it derives its income from legal games of chances.
Jofelle P. Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

2 rebels slain in clash

CAMP MELCHOR DELA CRUZ, Isabela—Two communist rebels were killed in an hour-long clash with government soldiers early Friday near the boundary of Andabuen and Nacalma villages in Benito Soliven town, a military official said. Col. Hilario Atendido, 5th Infantry Division chief of staff, said the slain rebels, who have yet to be identified, belonged to the central front of the New People's Army Cagayan Valley regional party committee. He said no one was hurt among the soldiers from the 45th Infantry Battalion who exchanged gunfire with 30 rebels at around 6 a.m.
Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Mom, 3 kids drown

ROXAS CITY—A 28-year-old mother and all of her three children drowned after they were swept away by a strong water current while they were crossing a knee-deep creek in Dumalag, Capiz late Monday afternoon. Residents first recovered the body of Sarah Firma, of Barangay Sta. Teresa in Dumalag, a few hours after the drowning, the town police said. The Dumalag police said the creek's water swelled after a heavy downpour earlier that day caused the Panay River, which is adjacent to the creek, to overflow. The bodies of Eimee, 7, and Arvin, 5, were recovered by residents the following day several meters from the creek. The body of year-old Ivy was found floating in Pontevedra town on Wednesday afternoon, some 50 km from Dumalag.
Felipe V. Celino, PDI Visayas Bureau

Child, 11, missing

RIZAL, Laguna—Police authorities have issued a "flash alarm" on the whereabouts of an 11-year-old girl who has been reported missing since May 29 in Barangay Talaga, Rizal, Laguna. Investigation showed that Kathleen Xyzha Y. Limuaco, a resident of West Poblacion, Rizal, Laguna, was asked by her parents at 1 p.m. on May 29 to fetch her younger brother but Limuaco failed to return home. The victim's parents said Limuaco was wearing *maong* short pants and colored striped blouse with black collar. She has a pinkish birthmark on her left knee. The finder is requested to inform the Rizal Municipal Police Office.
Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Medical mission in Quezon

LUCENA CITY—Quezon Rep. Rafael Nantes joined the festivities of the recent city fiesta here not with bands and fireworks but with a free medical treatment. More than 20 doctors and nurses from the Philippine Heart Center treated more than 200 indigent patients, most of them suffering from all kinds of heart disease. Ador Culing, a staff member of Nantes, said they distributed more than P300,000 worth of free medicines to the patients.
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Mayor in the Senate inquiry as having received monthly payoffs through bagmen.

All four have denied Mayor's claim.

"I don't need to go to Congress to face Mayor because it would be awkward for us to testify before the Senate," Salceda said.

He said that because jueteng was "a political issue, politicians can easily ride on [it], which could turn off prospective whistle-blowers.

"But in the hands of respected retired justices, more [witnesses] would come forward," he said.

Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz, an antijueteng crusader, had earlier said the racket had become a P13-billion-a-year enterprise under the Arroyo administration.

Ala Starr

Salceda said another alternative to the four ongoing investigations would be an independent commission similar to that formed by American lawyer Kenneth Starr to look into the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"Starr quietly built a case against US President Bill Clinton," Salceda said. "It was well-researched and well-documented with taped depositions and financial records. It was a well-argued, tight case that got Clinton impeached by the Lower House."

Salceda said the proposed truth commission could "target long-time suspected jueteng lords and set a strong example that [they] can be caught."

He said it was about time the age-old issue of jueteng was confronted.

"We just have too many open wounds that divide and prevent us from putting up a united front... We cannot even lay to rest the ghost of [Ferdinand] Marcos and martial law," he said.

Shame campaign

But when it comes to wiping out jueteng once and for all, Cagayan Rep. Manuel Mamba said he knows exactly how to do that.

Mamba told the INQUIRER in a phone interview that the once widespread operation of the illegal numbers game in his hometown of Tuao and the rest of Cagayan's third district was stopped by a sustained community effort and cooperation.

Mamba, who admitted that his family was engaged in jueteng operations in the 1980s, said the best way to stop the racket was to employ a shame campaign on the police and to report their inaction to their superiors and the media. He said he fought jueteng through billboards put up all over his district and by speaking against it on radio, TV and the newspapers.

Mamba said a "no-letup" police drive against jueteng should be launched to ensure that it would not survive.

He conceded that there was no "one-step move" against jueteng, but said it could be stopped through a strong tie-up with religious and nongovernment organizations, the media and other antijueteng crusaders.

"These police officials and government leaders have ... reputations to protect, so they will turn away from jueteng once they are exposed to the public," he said.

Don't legalize it

Mamba said the proposed legalization of jueteng was not the best way to solve the problem of illegal gambling.

He said some operators would still find a way to pool resources to run illegal operations to challenge legalized jueteng.

"Making [jueteng] legal will only give birth to another web of corruption. Some policemen may be tempted to protect illegal game operators [because of the payoffs]. The problem will remain and will never be solved," he said.

Besides, he said, legalizing jueteng was "easier said than done" and "impossible to do."

"In buying franchises alone, corruption can possibly come in," he said.

Mamba proposed that jueteng instead be decriminalized, with the government allowing it to be run like ordinary bingo and card games in the neighborhood.

In such a situation, he said, policemen and local officials would have no legal basis to conduct raids and demand protection money from operators.

Buying silence

Mamba said jueteng did not survive in the third district of Cagayan after he assumed office in 2001 because of his strong opposition to it.

He said jueteng lords would buy the lawmakers' silence on operations in their areas.

The offers could range from P300,000 to P500,000 for the initial payoff, and an agreed monthly take, he said.

"These operators never tried to approach me because they knew that they might be arrested," Mamba said.

"Our fight against graft and corruption, including jueteng, is gaining momentum. It pays to work for the people's welfare," he said.

Aguinaldo

Mamba, who belongs to a political clan in Cagayan, said he was able to stop jueteng operations in his town of Tuao in 1992 when he was elected mayor.

In 1998, he lost to former Cagayan Gov. Rodolfo Aguinaldo in the third congressional district race. But three years later, he foiled Aguinaldo's reelection bid.

Aguinaldo was killed by New People's Army guerrillas in Tuguegarao City in June 2001.

Mamba said he and his family eventually decided to drop their links to illegal gambling in the early 1990s.

He said it was his late brother, Leonardo, who raised the idea that the family should run jueteng in Tuao when some people associated with Aguinaldo started the racket in Cagayan in the late 1980s.

Jueteng in the 1980s was a small undertaking confined to the communities. But it has since developed into a large-scale, syndicated operation that corrupts local and police officials, Mamba said.

THESE kids prove that with Aloha, math is a cinch. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

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based on "finger math" and the abacus, six Filipino children recently bagged top places in an arithmetic competition held in Ipoh City, Malaysia, which drew some 300 contestants from the Philippines, India and the host country.

The 13-member Filipino delegation included Patricia Brazil, 10, whose idea of fun is to add up the cost of her mom's cartload of groceries well before they get to the cashier—without using paper, pen or calculator.

It also included Gerard Pacifico "GP" Capuchino, 11, whose warp-speed skills in addition comes in handy in the family-owned mini-grocery in Naguilian, Isabela, whenever there are too many customers and only one pocket calculator to go around.

Of course, GP would have no need for the gadget.

The team, pooled from private and public schools, won two first-places and four second-places in what even typical college students would consider the most brutal of math exams—a single-round race to solve 50 problems in four minutes.

Aloha

Held last May 1, the contest was the annual Olympiad of students from various countries that had joined the "Aloha" school system.

Aloha stands for "Alternative Learning on Higher Arithmetic," and its first school in the Philippines was established in 1998.

The technique is just one of the many versions derived from "finger math"— the use of one's digits to perform the four basic operations—which originated in ancient China, according to Mer Elenzano, president of Aloha Learning Systems Inc.

In this method, the two hands can represent numbers 1 to 99— not just up to 10, which is how children do their first math in kindergarten, said Elenzano, who is also a math professor at the University of Sto. Tomas.

He offered a view on why Filipino schoolchildren tend to be "intimidated" by math the moment they enroll in grade school: "Maybe because as younger kids, we are taught to count, add and subtract using our fingers or stick drawings or actual objects—and then suddenly in the classroom we're introduced to Hindu-Arabic numerals that are merely 'symbols' of an amount."

"Children somehow get shocked [by] that change," Elenzano said in an interview last Thursday, when his winning team of Aloha students and their families celebrated their victory at a restaurant in Manila's Chinatown.

As he spoke, his ace apprentices played around the tables like typical pupils let loose during recess.

Honor roll

The youngest winner—Jeremiah Brazil, 6, Patricia's younger brother, of Dr. Alejandro Albert Elementary School in Manila—appeared to be the most mischievous of the group. He won first place in Group A, the only Filipino entered in that level.

Adrian Judd B. Gaw, 11, of St. Jude Catholic School, won first place in Group C, where three Filipino participants competed. His compatriot GP Capuchino (the boy who minds the store), of Merry Sunshine Montessori School in Cauayan City, Isabela, took second place in the same group.

Of the seven Filipino participants in Group B, 9-year-old Oscar Joseph N. Brazil, another brother of Patricia's, also from Dr. Alejandro Albert Elementary School, bagged second place.

Keefe Colin A. Tan, 11, also of St. Jude Catholic School, and Rikki Lee B. Mendiola, 12, of Infant Jesus Montessori Center in San Pablo City, Laguna, were the only Filipino participants in Group D—and they tied for second place.

The other members of the delegation were all cited for exemplary performance for having an "accuracy rate of more than 80 percent" in their answers.

They were Leandro Martin A. Ong, 11, of Morning Star Montessori School in Los Baños, Laguna; Michaia Bea A. Gregorio, 11, of A. Beka Correspondence School in Pensacola, Florida, USA; Daniel M. Matchoc, 9, of Trinity College in Quezon City; Austin Jed B. Gaw, 9, of St. Jude Catholic School; Patricia Monique N. Brazil, 10, of Dr. Alejandro Albert Elementary School; Queenie Angelie A. Tejero, 9, of St. Jerome's Academy, Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya, and Marcus B. Alcantara, 9, of Canossa College, San Pablo City.

'It's easy'

Despite their feat, the kids have remained, well, kids—loath to stop playing even as the INQUIRER tried to settle them down for an interview.

Gifted with something that is for them as natural as riding a bicycle, they groped for answers when asked "deep" questions like: "Why do you like math?"

Their common answer: "It's easy."

But it's not—if you ask ordinary mortals who grew up minus their kind of training.

Elenzano said Aloha students, for example, could be taught to multiply a 4-digit figure by a 4-digit figure in a matter of seconds—even if the numbers were written horizontally.

He explained this as if to emphasize what the Philippine public school system has sorely been missing in its yearly struggle to improve the math competence of Filipino students.

In Malaysia, the Aloha system has been adopted by the government and is being taught nationwide, he said.

Free training

But Aloha in the Philippines, which currently runs around 20 tutorial centers nationwide (accepting pupils aged 5 to 13 for Saturday sessions), has begun working in this direction by providing free training to teachers in selected public elementary schools.

Up to 56 teachers have been trained since 2003, and most of them began applying what they learned last school year, Elenzano said.

The Department of Education may consider including "workbooks for mental math" in its yearly budget for textbooks, he said, noting that the Malaysian-developed workbook used in Aloha—which is good for one school year—can be had for just P150 each.

"We really want to promote this in the public schools and hope the government can give its support," he said.

DepEd to hire 10,000 more teachers this year

By Norman Bordadora

AS MANY as 10,000 more teachers will be hired this year to beef up the public school system that will welcome more than 17 million elementary and high school students tomorrow, Education Secretary Florencio Abad said yesterday.

But Abad said that while the Department of Education wanted more teachers for the growing public school population (up by 1.68 percent from last year), it had adopted a stringent hiring policy to ensure that those hired would teach subjects within their fields of expertise and competency.

"Only 25 percent of those who teach math, English and science are actually majors in math, English and science," Abad said at a breakfast news forum. "It's worse in physics—92 percent of those who teach physics didn't major in [it]."

Abad called on education institutions to coordinate with the DepEd and the Commission on Higher Education for possible revisions in their curricula in order to effectively prepare teachers for the public school system.

"[At present], most of the education graduates just have general education degrees, with majors in either elementary or secondary education. We need teachers who had majored in the subjects that they'd be teaching," he said.

Asked if a stringent screening policy would not serve to deter prospective teachers, Abad said: "We have hundreds of thousands of education graduates [to choose from]."

He said he was more concerned with teachers who did not major in any subject but were already in the public school system.

"Of course," he added, "there'd always be resistance to such policies."

Under the DepEd's new hiring policy, teacher-applicants are required to have majored in at least one subject and will have to hurdle demonstration-teaching, written examinations in English and Filipino, and personal interviews.

We're breaking records—PCSO

ROSARIO Uriarte, chair and general manager of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), said the sales of lotto has been growing, disputing reports that it was losing its market to illegal gambling.

Uriarte said the sales of lotto in 2005, as of yesterday, amounted to an unprecedented P12 billion, surpassing the P11 billion sales in 2004.

Lotto made P9 billion in 2003, she said.

According to Uriarte, people patronize lotto because one-third of the sales goes to charity.

"Many people believe in lotto because part of the proceeds go to charity. Our advocacy on charity has also gained us support from the local government units," she said. *Fe Zamora*

PCSO's lotto losing out to jueteng—Morato

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raise funds for charity.

In the Philippines, the PCSO is mandated to allot 55 percent of total lotto sales to the so-called prize fund. Thirty percent goes to the charity fund and 15 percent is retained to the PCSO for operating expenses.

More outlets needed

"I can almost say that we are the most generous among all the lotto operators in the world and the most fair, as well," Morato said.

He asserted the PCSO "needs to roll out more lotto outlets nationwide to be effective. Now is the time to roll out fast to give the jueteng patrons a legal alternative."

"Unfortunately, the lotto is not present in about 70 percent of the islands. How can lotto compete?" he said.

Morato said that lotto could very well challenge the jueteng and masiao operations nationwide if it were only accessible to more people.

No cheaters in lotto

For a numbers game to be immoral, Morato said "the element of cheating must be present. Jueteng thrives on cheating its bettors. It has no transparency, unlike the lotto draws, which are televised and seen nationwide."

Lotto, he claimed, is "tamperproof, completely computerized, with no human intervention whatsoever."

It is for these reasons, Morato opined, that the Catholic Church "has not really and truly opposed it. Not even the Vatican has issued a statement against lotto."

Gov't will be the loser

Morato strongly supports President Macapagal-Arroyo's decision not to legalize jueteng, saying it was not the solution to the problem.

"Even if jueteng is legalized and computerized, the bad habit of going underground will still continue," he insisted.

"Why? That's the structure jueteng operators have mastered in over a hundred years. They have perfected a very unique system that no one can possibly obliterate. Assuming for the sake of argument that jueteng was legalized and publicly drawn on television, the *cobradores* will continue with their guerrilla type operations at a much lower price, with bets written on pieces of toilet paper, as they do today. The government will, all the same, lose out on taxes."

Morato warned jueteng could "even eventually kill lotto."

Dangers of legalization

"Jueteng is drawn three times a day and it is a more active game than the lotto," he said. "It will definitely capture the participation of the betting public more than playing the lotto, which is drawn only once a day at 9 p.m., as it is done worldwide."

"The sweepstakes is a perfect example. It died when the lotto came in because lotto is a more active gaming than the sweepstakes. And the same can very well happen should jueteng be legalized. Where then would that lead us? The two will end up competing with each other," he said.

Is the country prepared to sacrifice lotto in favor of jueteng and masiao?

"We would be the only country in the world to do so, for instead of penalizing an illegal activity, we would be rewarding it instead," he said.

Slow death

Morato said "the death of jueteng may come slowly, but if the campaign against it today is sustained, it will surely die a natural death in due time."

Still, the government has to be on guard, he said.

"Let us just see because the jueteng operators may just try and strengthen prostitution, [illegal] drugs and smuggling or kidnapping. God only knows what they are capable of doing," said Morato.

Asked about proposals to merge the PCSO with the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp., or Pagcor, the PCSO oldtimer said it was out of the question.

"The two won't mix. They have different mandates. If put together, many mandated PCSO contributions to many beneficiaries may have to be sacrificed," he said.

Morato fears a merger would be an administrative nightmare.

"It is a marriage bound to fail," he said. "It would be too big to handle. Efficiency would be sacrificed, let alone the intrigues and infighting that would ensue.

"In time and maybe after many, many years, perhaps it will settle down. But must we complicate things now, in these times of need and confusion?"

GMA shrugs off scandals, vows more reforms

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can offer them is hope for the future."

Ms Arroyo said some of that dissatisfaction stemmed from factors over which she had no control, such as the rise in oil prices.

Allegations that her husband and son took kickbacks from the popular but illegal jueteng numbers game have hurt, too, although she pointed out that the stock market had rallied despite the claims.

The general unhappiness has fueled fresh rumors of an impending coup attempt. Such rumors have become a constant in a country where peaceful "people power" revolutions have ousted two leaders since 1986.

"Coup rumors are a specially sad part of Philippine political life, and they should be really put to rest once and for all," Ms Arroyo said, while claiming that her opponents only fostered instability for their own gain.

"I have a plan for our country and I work at it every day. The other side has no plan for our country but to throw the engine in reverse."

Relations with Washington remain good, despite strains last year when the Philippines withdrew its small peacekeeping force from Iraq early to obtain the release of a Filipino truck driver who had been kidnapped there.

"Together with the United States, we've been upgrading our capability and fusing our intelligence to fight terrorism, especially in the south," Ms Arroyo said, adding that Washington continued to provide training and material support to the Philippine military, with delivery expected within a few weeks of 30 helicopters.

Bombers isolated

"We've been able to neutralize 100 known international terrorists, both those who grew up in the Philippines and those who sneaked into the country. We've convicted about 17 of these terrorists. The Abu Sayyaf is degraded, and we continue in our pursuit of the Jemaah Islamiyah."

Washington and other allies have expressed concerns that Muslim separatist training camps in the southern Philippines have been used to teach international terrorists how to make bombs.

"They have been isolated and they are the targets of a very focused joint effort with the US," Ms Arroyo said. "Our commitment is total."

She added that the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front, involved in peace talks with the government, had agreed "to interdict the terrorist elements."

Fight against corruption

Ms Arroyo said US President George W. Bush had endorsed the Philippines' warming ties with China.

"Our relations with China have improved tremendously, and I think they will continue to improve," she said. "Our trade with China has grown by leaps and bounds. It's over $13 billion now from virtually nothing before they entered WTO (World Trade Organization) ... and the balance of trade is almost $5 billion in our favor."

She also touted her administration's efforts to root out endemic corruption—which includes hiring Hong Kong anti-corruption czar Tony Kwok—and crack down on tax cheats.

"We've had the highest [tax] collection and the highest increase in history, and we've also had a budget surplus for the month for the first time in many years," Ms Arroyo said. "And the commissioner of customs called me a few nights ago and gave me a similar report."

She called the corruption allegations against her family "a well-worn opposition tactic."

"Nonetheless, the charges are serious," Arroyo said. "They have to be answered if the air is to be cleared. I have asked for an intense investigation, and my attitude is let the chips fall where they may."

Leftists call GMA a political sadist

LEFTIST leaders yesterday called President Macapagal-Arroyo a political sadist who should keep her avowed sympathy for the poor to herself.

"President Arroyo is adding massive insult to already grievous injury. Her false sympathy does not touch anyone," Anakpawis party-list Rep. Crispin Beltran said, reacting to Ms Arroyo's statement the other day that "I feel pain when people feel pain."

Speaking in Benguet after an opinion survey showed that her performance rating had dropped to a record low, Arroyo said the pain people were now experiencing was part of the country's climb to economic recovery.

"She and her administration are incapable of even empathizing with the Filipino people and their economic woes and tribulations because this government's policies are at the core of these woes," Beltran said.

"The President is better off shutting up on this matter because she's only digging a deeper hole for herself," Beltran said.

Another uprising

He warned: "We might be seeing yet another people's uprising in the making."

Kilusang Mayo Uno secretary general Joel Maglunsod was as ascerbic as Beltran.

"If she can really feel the people's pain then she's exhibiting political sadism," Maglunsod said. "Her four-year leadership brought severe suffering for the majority of the population. She doesn't care if her policies are already hurting the people. She's only concerned with satisfying the urge of big businesses and foreign funding institutions."

Beltran's partymate Rep. Rafael Mariano, who is also chair of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP), said peasants would take part in a planned national day of mourning on June 11 being organized by other groups critical of the way Ms Arroyo was running the country.

"Our patience has dried up with all the burdens the administration has imposed," Mariano said.

On the eve of the June 11 protest, militants will hold "muscle-flexing" rallies in Metro Manila and other regions, he said.

He said June 10 would mark the 17th anniversary of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program and the people would march in the streets to protest the administration's failure to implement genuine agrarian reform. *With reports from Philip C. Tubeza and Jerome Aning*

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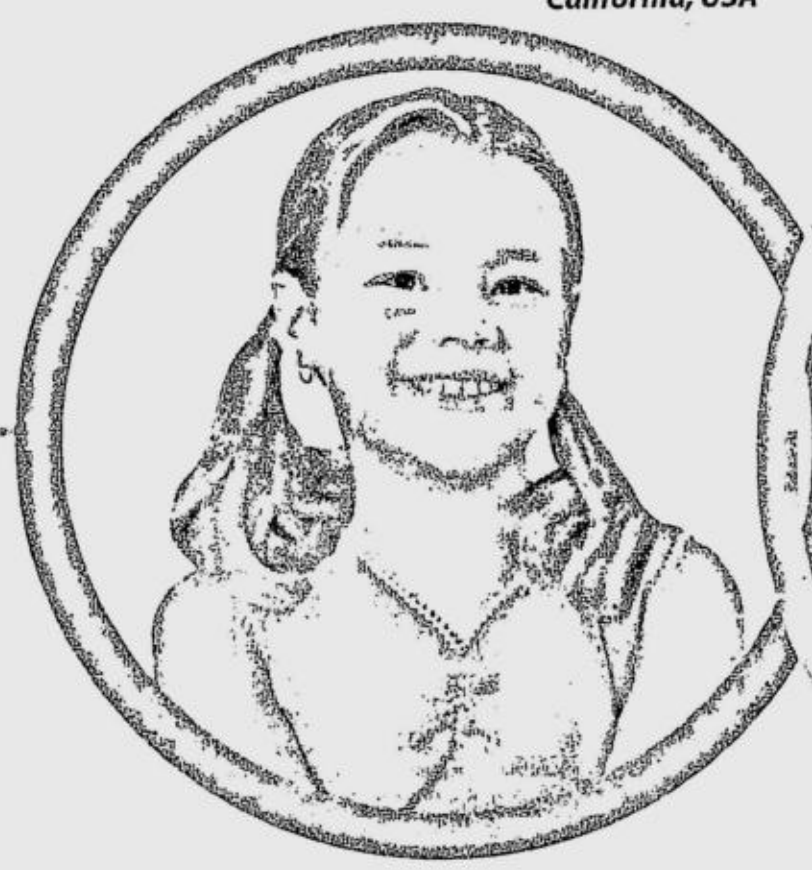

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Art gives back hope to child offenders

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

HE SHOULD be having fun with friends, learning algebra and science, or helping in household chores.

But at 17, Kenneth (not his real name) has been in jail twice already.

Two years ago, he was arrested for illegal possession of firearms. He said a friend asked him to hide a homemade shotgun after a riot in their neighborhood.

He was freed after two months but was arrested again in 2004 for concealing a fan knife. This time he was collared with his younger brother, Warren (not his real name).

Regaining lost childhood

Inside the Marikina City Jail, he and his brother are slowly trying to regain everything they lost outside, including their childhood.

The 42 minors at the city jail have a separate cell, adjacent to that of adults.

Under the law, minors should be under the care of the local social welfare and development department.

But due to budgetary constraints and lack of facilities, the minors were handed over to the city jail.

Warden Rex Delarmente said, even with a separate cell, the minors were still exposed to adult suspects.

"The environment can affect them. The children still see the ways of the adults which they might adopt," Delarmente said.

Concerns addressed

But thanks to a socio-civic organization, his concerns are slowly being addressed.

Through the group, Kenneth has rediscovered his passion for drawing.

Smiling, he showed his still unfinished sketch of Japanese cartoon characters. He used an illustration board and ordinary black ball pen.

"*Masaya ako sa pagdo*-drawing. *Dito ko nakita ang talento ko* (I feel happy when I draw. This is where I found my talent)," he said.

He first got into drawing as an elementary student in Barangay Concepcion. His friend taught him some styles, which he later shared with Warren.

Their father was killed when Kenneth was 12. He dropped out of high school because of poverty.

Now, he is one of the best artists in jail, according to freelance artist Dennis Miguel, 43, who has been holding free art workshops there every week.

"*Marami ang may* potential *sa kanila, lalo na kung matututukan* (Many of them have potential)," Miguel said.

He started the workshops in November, on the invitation of the Council for Children in Conflict with the Law, with several other artists. Now, he goes to the jail alone.

"Reluctant *ako noong una. Mga preso sila. Baka salbahe sila. Pero kapag nakausap mo sila, talagang lalabas ang* innocence, ignorance *nila sa maraming bagay* (I was reluctant at first because they are prisoners. But once you talk to them, you will feel their innocence and ignorance)," Miguel said.

Bag of candies

Last Wednesday, the INQUIRER saw Miguel at the jail with a bag of candies and bread he bought with his own money.

Though the workshops were difficult financially, because he had to buy the materials, he said it was rewarding to see the children in jail happy.

Fulfillment came last week when he exhibited inside the jail the artwork his students had produced.

The pieces showed different emotions.

A drawing of an ugly woman was captioned: "Mother *ko 'yan. Hindi niya ako dinadalaw* (This is my mother. She does not visit me)."

DETAINED young legal offenders find expression in art (right and above), which show their feelings toward their parents, people around them and even about life. ROGER CARPIO

Another inmate drew the face of Jesus Christ.

"*Ang habol ko, makita yung* feelings *nila. Marami ang galit. Marami rin ang wala pang alam sa mundo* (I just want to see how they feel. Many of them were angry)," Miguel said.

Kenneth developed new friendships because of his passion for drawing.

He saw Mario, 19, drawing when he dropped by their cell months ago.

They became good friends and Mario started teaching Kenneth new techniques.

He also gave Kenneth a drawing of what Mario said was a doctor with sharp teeth and blood dripping from his mouth.

The doctor had been shot in the forehead.

The horrifying drawing, which Mario said was just the product of his imagination, hangs at the foot of Kenneth's bed.

Mario gave it to him as a token of friendship.

As the workshops continued, the emotions in the drawings changed.

"We saw anger in their drawings before. Now we see gratitude," council chair Nadeia Sarte said.

Government and police officials in Marikina City held a series of meetings last year to come up with a program for the minors.

Longing in the eyes

Sarte, representing the private sector, visited the jail and saw the longing in the eyes of the jailed children.

The council was born.

The group holds activities inside the jail every Monday.

The first Monday of the month is usually devoted to creative workshops. The second Monday is for Bible studies.

The third Monday is for livelihood, and the fourth is for a simple party to celebrate birthdays.

"Minors are not supposed to be incarcerated. They need the attention of someone," she said.

The jail on the fifth floor of the new Justice Hall is clean compared to other prisons.

The Department of Health cited the 1,500-square meter jail as the healthiest in the country in the last two years, Delarmente said.

Food is decent

Though the population was slightly higher than the 500-person capacity, the number was still manageable. The food was also decent, Kenneth said.

But the main problem was boredom.

"*Mahirap pag inaabot ng buryong kapag hindi kami pinapalabas sa selda* (It is boring when they lock our cell and we cannot roam around)," Kenneth said.

Boredom led Kenneth to get his three tattoos.

Watching the artist make a tattoo for an hour eased boredom, he said.

Another problem was depression.

Some minors had been in prison much longer than the actual jail sentence if they were found guilty of the charges against them, Miguel said.

Snail-paced justice

He blamed the snail-paced justice system.

But the council is now working for the release of the minors to the custody of their parents during trial, instead of being in jail.

"Our objective is to have zero minors in jail," Sarte said.

The council already obtained the release of 26 minors since November, she added.

The group also got a donor to pay for the construction of a toilet on the sixth floor of the new building.

This was important because, with the new toilet, the children could be moved to the upper floor, away from the adults, Sarte said.

Meanwhile, Kenneth tries to relieve his boredom through his drawing, while seeking hope inside his cell.

Police sweep crime elements to ensure safety of students

By Tina G. Santos, Margaux C. Ortiz and Nancy C. Carvajal

NEWLY installed National Capital Region Police Office director Chief Supt. Vidal Querol said his men would be conducting preemptive strikes on criminal elements to ensure the safety of students returning to school.

Querol said they had been conducting intensive intelligence gathering on notorious street crime syndicates like the "salisi" and Ativan gangs.

However, he also urged school administrators to coordinate with the police for additional security around campuses.

At least 5,000 policemen will be deployed in key areas of Metro Manila when school opens tomorrow, he said.

The NCRPO chief spoke at a forum on school opening safety organized by the Chinese-Filipino Business Club Inc.

Intelligence gathering and preemptive strikes will go hand-in-hand with increased police visibility in areas where students are vulnerable to street crimes. These areas include provincial bus terminals, railway stations, the University Belt area in Recto and Mendiola, and in Quezon City, specifically schools near Katipunan Avenue.

Meanwhile, Manila city and school officials yesterday assured parents and students that all measures were in place in time for the school opening.

"Our primary concern is the safety of the students," Mayor Lito Atienza said.

The mayor said police and barangay patrols would be deployed around schools, colleges and universities in Manila. He also ordered the Western Traffic Enforcement Office and the Manila Traffic and Parking Bureau to field a sufficient number of traffic enforcers to ensure the smooth flow of vehicular traffic as the volume of vehicles is expected to increase during school days.

Division of City Schools superintendent Ma. Luisa Quiñones earlier reported to Atienza that officials of the city's 71 public elementary schools and 32 public high schools were seeing to it that their schools were ready for the resumption of classes.

Aside from public schools, the city has at least 20 big private pre-schools, 49 private elementary schools and 37 private high schools. Manila also has the most number of colleges and universities in the country.

School authorities have also been ordered by the mayor to pay particular attention to toilets, making sure schools have an adequate supply of water.

The mayor also asked the school officials to inspect school canteen facilities and make sure they comply with food safety standards.

In northern Metro Manila, 1,300 uniformed policemen and force multipliers would be deployed in every school and transportation terminal.

For each of the 299 schools and 34 jeepney and bus terminals in the cities of Caloocan, Malabon and Valenzuela, and the town of Navotas, a maximum of three lawmen will be assigned.

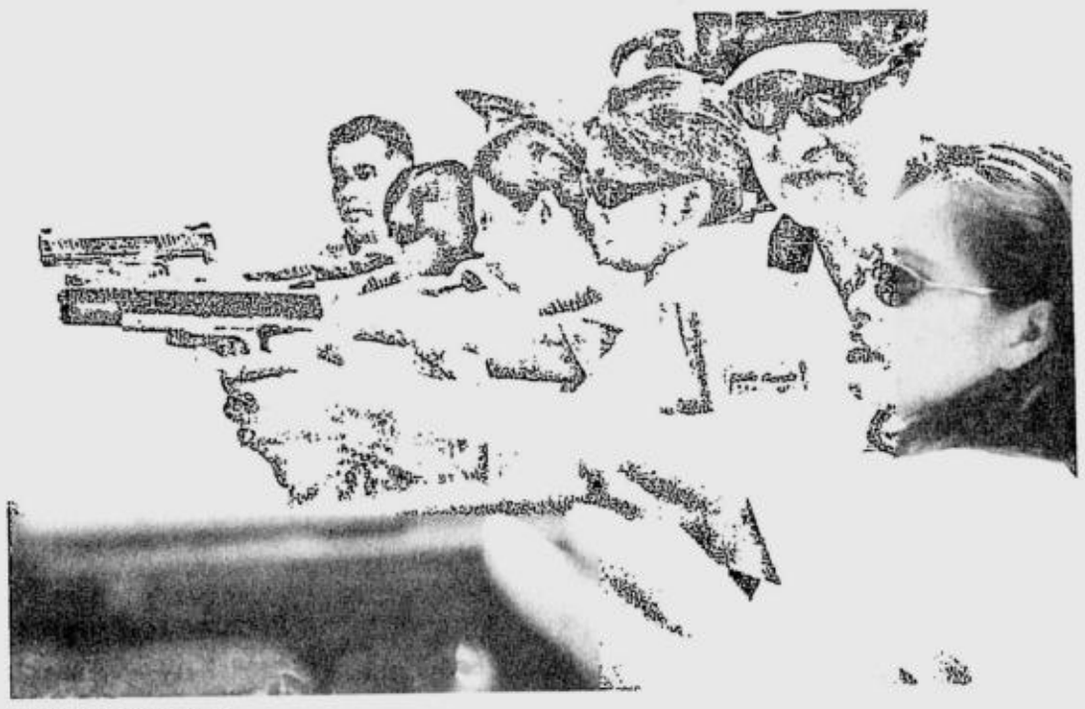
"The safety of the schoolchildren, especially those from the Chinese schools, are of primary concern," said Supt. Leo Garra, Caloocan police director.

Meanwhile, Las Piñas Mayor Mel T. Aguilar pledged that no child of school age would be denied access to public education in her city.

Las Piñas subsidizes 65 day care centers, 20 public grade schools, seven high schools and a college.

With Miko Morelos, trainee

A BOY takes the assessment exam for Grade One pupils at the Lupang Pangako Elementary School in Quezon City. JOAN BONDOC



READY TO FIRE
Actor Eddie Garcia gives a female journalist tips on holding and firing a gun during a firearm-handling seminar he sponsored at the Camp Crame firing range. VAL HANDUMON

24-hour monitoring in Makati

By Tarra V. Quismundo

TOUTED to be an all-seeing sentinel, an emergency response center will soon be set up atop the 22-floor Makati City Hall building to watch over the city 'round the clock.

The local government of Makati has begun working on the city's own Central Command Center, an all-in-one emergency dispatch outpost that would bring together Makati's police, medical and fire emergency response teams.

Makati's own 911 system

"Think of it as Makati's version of 911. It will be one office to field the police, traffic, fire department, and rescue personnel to critical areas," said Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay in a statement, referring to the famed emergency number in the United States.

While the command center has yet to get its own quick-dial number, City Hall said it already started laying down a system that would efficiently integrate the city's security and emergency units.

The Makati Central Command Center would be equipped with high-technology computer equipment and television monitors to show real-time images of the city's major intersections and vital establishments.

Video monitoring

A closed-circuit video system, set to be operational within the year to monitor the traffic and security situation in major avenues within the city's Central Business District, will be linked to the command center's system, said Joey Salgado, Makati Information and Community Relations Department head.

A dispatch system is also being planned, as administrators of the would-be command center are working at connecting into a single network existing communication lines of the Makati Police Department, Makati Central Fire Station, the Makati Rescue, and the city's Department of Public Safety.

Besides improving the city's security and public safety, Binay said, the project is also aimed at attracting more investors, particularly call centers, to the city.

Wooing investors

"[Makati] will be able to secure its position as the financial and commercial capital of the country, and at the same time attract new investors from emerging industries," said the mayor.

The city is now host to more than 30 call centers, most of which are located at the city's business district. Since call centers operate 24 hours a day, catering to international clients from different time zones, call center employees work both daytime and night-to-morning shifts.

The command center will thus give the employees a more secure place to work in, said Binay.

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Child offenders regain hope through art

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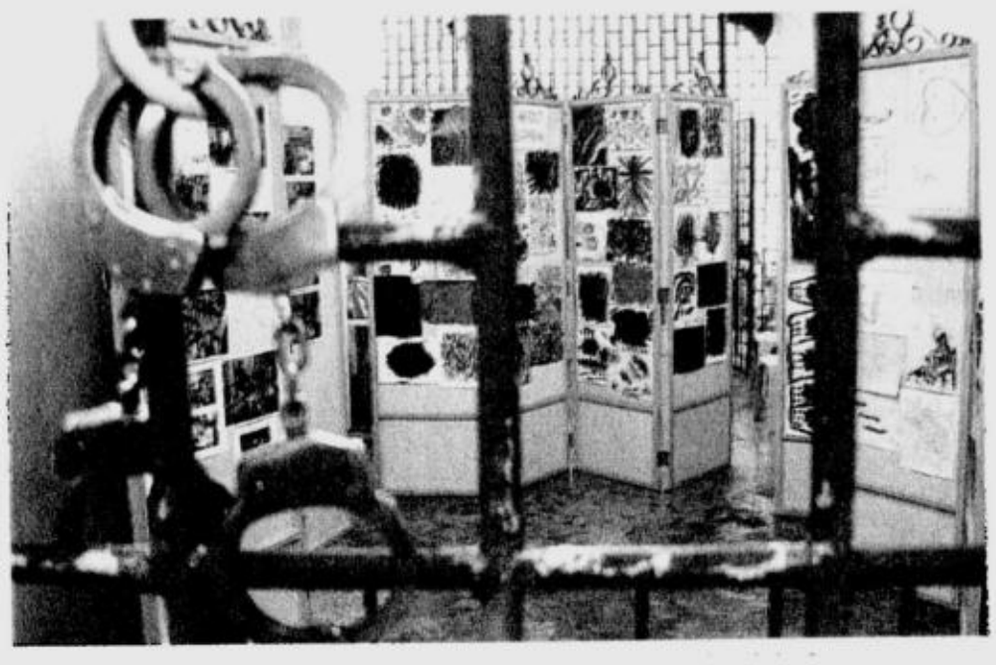

A JAILGUARD, left, marvels at the artwork of child inmates displayed (right) at the Marikina City Jail. ROGER CARPIO

History comes to nature's rescue

By Tina G. Santos

AMATEUR archaeologists will mark World Environment Day today by conducting test diggings at the Arroceros Forest Park to determine the historical significance of the disputed patch of nature in Manila.

Activist priest Fr. Robert Reyes, a former archaeology student at the University of the Philippines, will lead the survey.

"Although this initial archaeological survey is only superficial, it aims to answer important questions, like what takes precedence: an environmental or an archaeological clearance or a construction permit?" Reyes said.

He added that whatever artifacts they might find during the diggings would be turned over to the National Museum.

Mahogany for Pope Benedict XVI

Winner Foundation, the caretaker of the park, said it would also plant 16 Philippine mahogany saplings inside the 2.1-hectare forest park in honor of Pope Benedict XVI.

Regina Paterno, president of the foundation, said this was in response to the request of Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales, who, she said, assured them that he was with them in their cause for the environment.

The foundation has been opposing the construction of a two-story teachers' building inside the park, saying the move would result in the destruction of trees and lush foliage inside what it called Manila's "last lung."

The park was declared an archaeological site by the National Museum in April 2003.

"Archbishop Rosales told us that it was worthwhile fighting for the forest, that it's worth saving and fighting for the trees," said Paterno who, along with fellow Winner members Maribel Ongpin, Ana Belen Tan and Josefina Pedrosa-Manahan, met Rosales Friday.

Rosales book

Rosales also handed them a book, titled "Father Neri Satur and the Church He Died For," which he himself wrote when he was still the bishop of Bukidnon, Paterno said, adding that the book contains inspirational messages concerning the environment.

"(The book) is a compelling story of a priest's zeal to protect the forest. It is also a narrative of a local church's commitment to preserve the gifts of life in nature," Paterno added.

Apart from Rosales, the environmentalists have also found allies in urban poor and religious groups, particularly the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, who even initiated a signature campaign expressing support for their cause.

Support from urban poor, religious

"As citizens who love God and value creation, we strongly support the stand of environmentalists and Winner Foundation regarding Arroceros Forest Park against those who plan to destroy said historical forest," urban poor and religious groups stated in their manifesto.

Earlier, curator Angel Bautista advised Manila city and school officials to first secure a clearance from the National Museum before they proceed with the construction of the building.

"They should first get a permit from the National Museum and stop the diggings," Bautista said, who said the park could be hiding more artifacts.

But city and school officials vowed to push through with the project as they argued that they were not given any restraining order asking them to stop the construction of the project.

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DAVADILLA celebrates after crossing the finish line of the 9th stage massed start from Baguio to Angeles City. BOY CABRIDO

Davadilla aggressive to the end

By Marc Anthony Reyes

ANGELES CITY—Warren Davadilla put an exclamation point to an impressive campaign by capturing the ninth and penultimate stage to put the Golden Tour 50@'05 championship beyond everybody else's reach yesterday.

"Para sigurado, ayoko nang kakabakaba ako bukas (I wanted to put the title away, I don't want to worry about it tomorrow)," said a jubilant Davadilla, who crossed the finish line in front of the Holy Rosary Parish Church all by his lonesome for his third stage win in this 10-stop Tour presented by Tanduay.

With his aggressive show, Davadilla boosted his lead over the second-running Frederick Feliciano to a hefty five minutes and 26 seconds from 1:09 before the start of the race from Baguio to here.

Rhyan Tanguilig, last year's Tour winner, kept third place overall but now trails Davadilla by 11:58. And the fourth-running Lito Atilano found himself even farther behind at 14:50.

Only the top three in the individual race will win cash prizes pegged at P100,000, P75,000 and P50,000.

Barring any disaster, the 30-year-old titlist of the 1998 Centennial Tour is all set to pick up his second Tour crown today in the final lap, a 76.8-km criterium race around Rizal Park billed as the Manny V. Pangilinan stage in honor of the PLDT boss. The leg will start and end at the Rajah Sulaiman Park in front of the Malate church.

"Ngayon kahit iwanan nila ako sa criterium, basta pipidal din ako, okay lang (Now, they can leave me behind but as long as I keep pedaling, I will be fine)," added Davadilla.

But there's no leaving behind Davadilla in the criterium race because that is among his events as a Philippine team rider in the coming Southeast Asian Games. He won the silver medal in the road race two years ago in the Vietnam SEAG.

Davadilla, who grabbed the yellow jersey after winning the second stage from Lucena to Tagaytay, surprised his closest pursuers by riding as if he's making up for lost time.

With his Colt 45 teammates helping slow down the pace of the main peloton that included Feliciano and Tanguilig, Davadilla joined a breakaway group in Pangasinan before sprinting in front for good in the last 500 meters to secure the win.

Davadilla was ably supported in the lead pack by teammate Darwin Maraña, who signaled him to go at it when the lead group was negotiating a rough road in Asingan.

It was no wonder that Colt 45 wrapped up the team championship and the P700,000 top prize with a lead of over 30 minutes over Tourism, which settled for P400,000. Metro Drug was third and bagged P280,000.

Two cyclists failed to finish.

Metro Drug rookie Anthony Miranda hit the side mirror of the Guerrero Brandy team vehicle and quit in Gerona, Tarlac with a broken right hand. Another newcomer, Jesus Abad of Customs, called it a day in the final stretch.

Go 21 captain Baler Ravina and Vat Rider Emil Pablo led the downhill plunge to La Union, but were overtaken in the flat roads of Pangasinan.

Davadilla finished the 194-km stage in three hours, 42 minutes and 14 seconds. Elmer Atilano of Metro Drug came in second, 11 seconds behind while towing along Daisy Hardin of Custom, Edwin Paragoso of Tourism and Marlon Servino of Guerrero Brandy.

Davadilla later texted his wife, who is expecting their second child, to prepare dinner and a warm bath before proceeding to his residence in Valenzuela City for a well-deserved rest.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

1. Colt 45 139 hours 36 minutes 41.932 seconds
2. Tourism 30 minutes 48.778 seconds behind
3. Metro Drug 33:50.431
4. Vat Riders 47:33.849
5. Guerrero Brandy 53:18.874
6. Customs 54:39.106
7. Go 21 1:05:17.333
8. Touch Mobile 1:23:472
9. PLDT 1:31:12.686

STAGE 9 RESULTS

1. W. Davadilla, Colt 45, 3 hours 42 minutes 14 seconds
2. E. Atilano, Metro Drug, 11 seconds behind

D. Hardin, Custom, same
E. Paragoso, Tourism, same
M. Servino, Guerrero Brandy, same

6. D. Marana, Colt 45, 49 secs behind

E. Pablo, Vat Riders, same
E. Orpilla, Metro Drug, same
N. Estayo, Touch Mobile, same
O. Rendole, Tourism, same
J. Ricafort, Touch Mobile, same
V. Espiritu, PLDT, same

13. E. Domingo, Guerrero Brandy, 4:07 behind

R. Sambrano, Guerrero Brandy, same
S. Diamsay, Tourism, same
E. Feliciano, Vat Riders, same
M. Tugahan, Go 21, same
V. Muena, Guerrero Brandy, same
B. Llentada, Metro Drug, same

20. M. Ramos, Vat Riders, 7:49 behind

OVERALL INDIVIDUAL

1. W. Davadilla, Colt 45, 35 hours 44 minutes 50 seconds*
2. E. Feliciano, Vat Riders, 5 minutes 26 seconds behind
3. R. Tanguilig, PLDT, 11:58
4. L. Atilano, Metro Drug, 14:50
5. S. Diamsay, Tourism, 15:56
6. J. Dasalla, Colt 45, 18:11
7. D. Ganigan, Guerrero Brandy, 22:35
8. A. Quirimit, Tourism, 22:59
9. D. Marana, Colt 45, 26:13
10. A. Benosa, Touch Mobile, 27:52
11. R. Navarro, Custom, 28:28
12. B. Ravina, Go 21, 30:20
13. F. Alagano, Metro Drug, 31:22
14. M. Primero, Custom, 31:51
15. E. Quinones, Custom, 34:16
16. M. Reyes, Colt 45, 34:53
17. S. Barnachea, Touch Mobile, 35:09
18. V. Muena, Guerrero Brandy, 36:51
19. R. Sambrano, Guerrero Brandy, 37:24
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21. D. Hardin, Custom, 38:19
22. G. Gines, Custom, 38:58
23. O. Villanueva, Vat Riders, 39:15
24. B. Lopez Jr., Metro Drug, 39:17
25. D. Perez, Colt 45, 42:13
26. J. Garillo, Tourism, 43:07
27. R. Hualda, Tourism, 45:55
28. J. Ricafort, Touch Mobile, 46:35
29. R. Villaver, PLDT, 52:31
30. E. Orpilla, Metro Drug 53:19

Bata, Taiwanese forge duel

EFREN "Bata" Reyes of the Philippines and Yang Ching Shun of Chinese Taipei set up an early clash as they breezed through the opening two rounds of the final leg of the San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour at the Robinsons Galleria Trade Hall late Friday evening.

Reyes routed Kaohsiung leg runner-up Au Chi Wai of Hong Kong, 9-1, while Yang subdued Li He-Wen of China, 9-4, in the second round to arrange the quarterfinals match in the event organized by ESPN STAR Sports.

After being tied 1-1, Reyes, who topped the second leg in Jakarta, swept the next eight racks to close out the match to the delight of the hometown crowd. The 50-year-old pool legend opened up his campaign earlier in the day with a 9-4 drubbing of Luong Chi Dung of Vietnam.

Not to be outdone, Yang also flashed his deadly form after claiming six of the last seven racks against the Chinese. The Kaohsiung leg champion began his bid for a second consecutive crown this year with a 9-4 triumph over Alok Kumar of India.

Singapore leg winner Gandy Valle of the Philippines also moved on to the quarterfinals following his 9-2 drubbing of Japanese Satoshi Kawabata. The 32-year-old will next take on 16-year-old Wu Chia Ching of Chinese Taipei. The Taiwanese pool prodigy nipped compatriot Chao Fong Pang, 9-8. It was the third time this Tour that Wu beat two-time World Pool champion Chao.

Ronato Alcano also joined fellow Filipinos Reyes and Valle in the second day as he thumped Jeong Young Hwa of Korea, 9-2. Alcano will clash against Chang Pei-Wei of Chinese Taipei. The 2004 World Pool runner-up waylaid countryman Chiu Hung-Ming, 9-5.

It was a day marked by one major upset as number two seed and former world number one Francisco "Django" Bustamante continued his Asian Tour title drought as he fell to Patrick Ooi of Malaysia, 3-9.

Ooi moves on to face another Filipino Antonio Lining. Lining became the fourth Filipino to move on to the quarterfinals after rallying from 5-8 down to trounce Vu Trong Kai of Vietnam, 9-8.

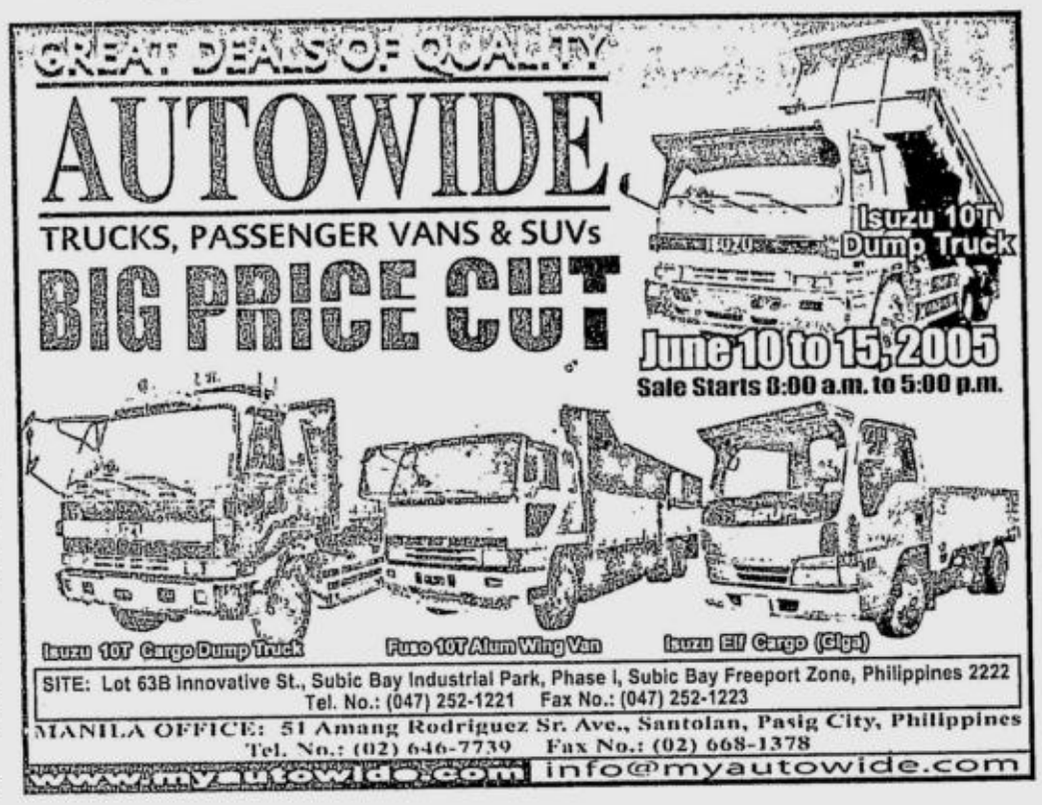
Now in its third year, the San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour is offering a total prize money purse of $50,000 up for grabs at this weekend's final stop in Manila. The champion will get the top prize of $10,000. The main draw includes 32 top Asian players from 11 countries.

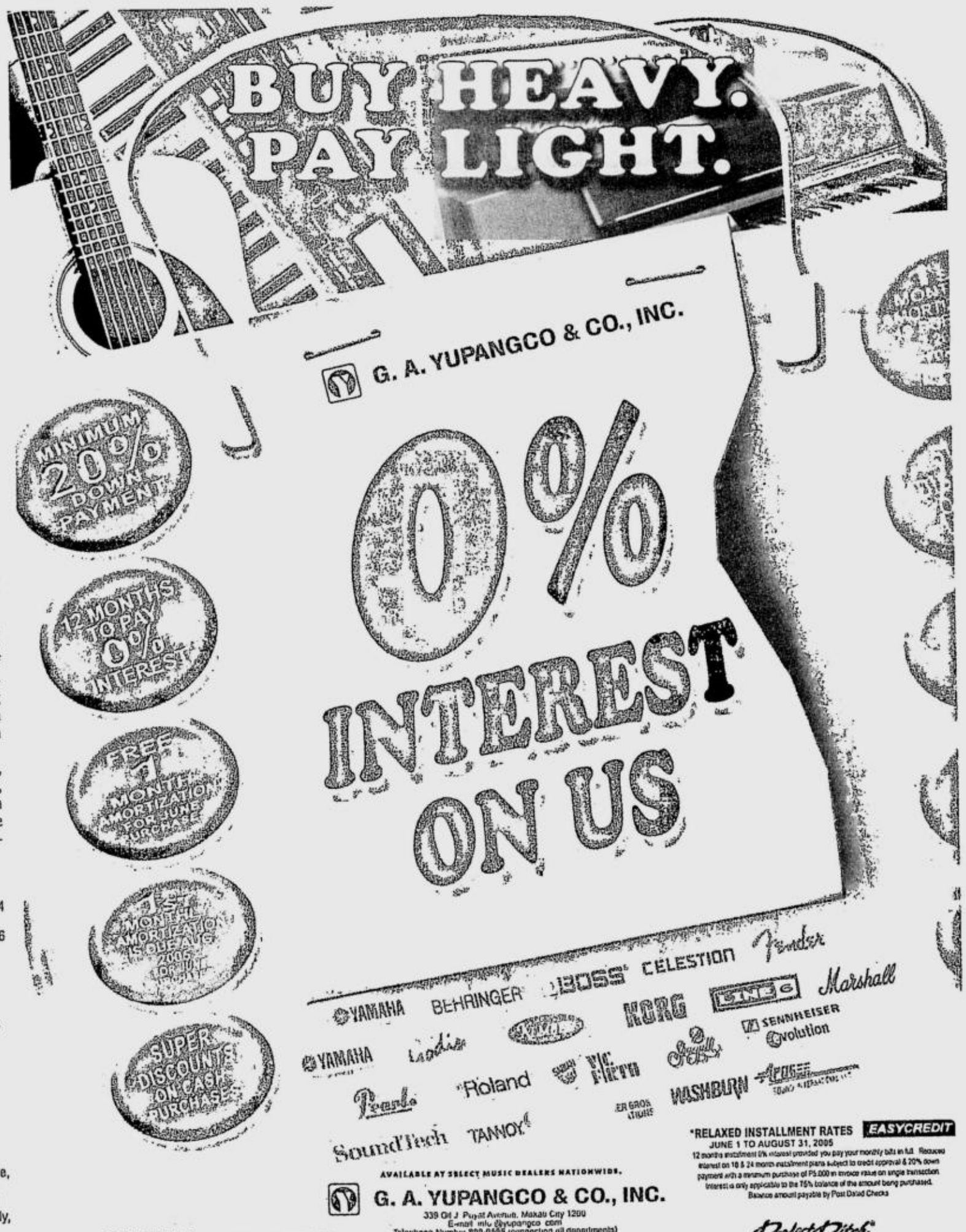
Last year saw the 50-year-old Reyes rule three of the Tour's five legs. The player known as the "Magician" took home the leg titles in Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City and Taipei. 2002 Busan Asian Games 9-Ball singles gold medallist Yang topped the Hong Kong leg, while Lee Vann Corteza of the Philippines triumphed in Manila.

For more information on the Tour, please check out www.asian9-balltour.com. For the latest schedules and program information on ESPN STAR Sports, catch us on the net at www.espnstar.com.

The San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour is sanctioned by the Asian Pocket Billiard Union and co-organized by ESPN STAR Sports' Event Management Group (EMG) and Puyat Sports. San Miguel Beer is the title sponsor for the Tour.

Besides the total prize money of $200,000, the top 10 players on the Tour Order of Merit every year will directly qualify into the World Pool Championships.





KENNETH San Andres wows Bicolanos with his high-flying acts.

Father and son rule motocross

VETERAN rider Jun-Jun San Andres and his multi-titled son Kenneth ruled their respective divisions in the 1st Gov. Lray Villafuerte Invitational Motocross at the Capitol Complex, Cadlan, Pili, Camarines Sur recently.

The young San Andres, the 2004 Rookie of the Year of the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (NAMSSA), was unmatched in the Expert Open Production category, where he fashioned out back-to-back victories in the morning and afternoon heats to drumbeat his status as the country's most promising rider.

The Valenzuela City native, who is also an eight-time National Peewee and Mini-Class Champion, was so dominant in the Expert Open Production, that his rivals trailed him by as much as an entire lap in both heats of the event organized by Governor Villafuerte.

His father Jun-Jun also grabbed a piece of the spotlight, crushing all of his rivals in the Veterans' Division, to show the screaming throng of Bicolanos, where his young son got his genes.

The San Andres riders are backed by Caltex Revtex, Oakley, KTM, Bridgestone, HJC Helmet, Renthal, Alpine Star, UFO, Fox, JBS Motorcycle Shop and GCG Pipes.

Montaña clinches title berth; Magnolia alive

GAME TUESDAY (Pasig Sports Center)
3:30 p.m.-Welcoat vs Magnolia

By Jasmine W. Payo

IT took some tense moments before the Montaña Jewels claimed the first finals berth in the PBL Unity Cup yesterday at the JCSGO Gym in Cubao.

With no time remaining, Granny Goose's Chico Lanete flubbed his free throws as the Jewels held on to a 56-54 victory and advance to the finals for the second straight time.

In the other semifinal series, Magnolia Ice Cream forced a knockout match for the other finals seat after repulsing Welcoat Paints, 80-72.

Lanete missed a jumper at the buzzer but drew a foul from Jewels guard Froilan Baguion for a chance to forge an extra period. But the pressure apparently proved too much for the Kornets playmaker as his charities rimmed out to wrap up their semifinal series.

"That was a lucky win," said Sison, whose Jewels failed to score a field goal in the last six minutes. "I give credit to Granny Goose. They were the gatecrashers in the semis, but we had a difficult time with them."

Al Vergara shot 13 points, for the Jewels, who are gunning for back-to-back titles. Veteran guard Alex Compton chipped in 12 points after a sub-par Game 2 performance.

Arwind Santos, Dennis Miranda and Neil Rañeses led Magnolia's charge with 15 points apiece.

"The players wanted to show that they want to be in the finals that's why they were so prepared," said Magnolia coach Koy Banal.

Consistency problems continued to hound Welcoat main man Anthony Washington, who finished with only seven markers.

The Kornets continued to spring surprises on the Jewels in the fourth quarter as they trimmed the deficit from 54-46 to 54-50.

Vergara put the Jewels back on the scoreboard after nailing his free throws, but Alfie Grijaldo and JR Quiñahan's low-post baskets pushed the Kornets within two, 56-54, 1:21 remaining.

Quiñahan was limited to only eight markers after notching 17 points in Granny Goose's Game 2 win.

Vergara keyed the Jewels' 41-37 advantage in the third quarter, but the Kornets managed to keep up behind Grijaldo, who shot seven straight points to close the period at 48-44.

The Paintmasters made only four of their 12 free throws in the third quarter.

The scores:

First game

MONTAÑA 56-Vergara 13, Compton 12, Juntilla 8, Salvador 6, Capus 6 Espiritu 5, Bagulon 2, Dela Cuesta 2, Mercado 2, Guerrero 0.

GRANNY GOOSE 54-Grijaldo 13, Quiñahan 8, Lanete 7, Ameda 6, Alfad 4, Latonio 4, Saladaga 3, Santos 3, Cruz 2, Concha 2, David 2, Manalo 0, Cervantes 0.

Quarters: 19-16, 33-29, 48-44, 56-54.

Second game

MAGNOLIA80-Santos 15, Miranda 15, Rañeses 15, Williams 13, Catli 10, Misolas 7, Isip 0, Co 0, Cutler 0, Jones 0.

WELCOAT 72-Ortiguerra 17, Tangkay 13, Orbeta 13, Tan 8, Washington 7,Coching 5, Reyes 4, Najorda 2, Guevarra 1, Estrada 1, Junio 1, Dy 0, Gamboa 0, Sagad 0.

Quarters: 19-18, 36-27, 57-41, 80-72.

Jordan gains finals; RP 5 whips Syria

By June Navarro

ANTIPOLO CITY— Ayman Deis capped a strong double-double performance with a triple in the clutch last night to lead Jordan-Fastlink to a 74-69 victory over Iran-Saba Battery and into the Finals of the FedEx Fiba-Asia Champions Cup.

The 6-foot-10 Deis finished with 17 points and the same number of boards with his three-pointer highlighting a hot shooting night for the Jordanians, who flirted with defeat after erecting leads of as many as 16 points.

Lebanon and Qatar were disputing the other title slot at presstime.

Prolific import Andre Pitts rallied the Iranians to within 66-67, scoring 10 of his total in a 20-7 run before Deis hit that telling trey.

Scotty Thurman buried three triples and finished with 23 points to lead Jordan.

Earlier, RP-San Miguel played with everything it had in a game that meant practically nothing, ripping Syria-Army, 73-57.

Rommel Adducul and Willie Miller bounced back from anemic efforts the other night as the Nationals snapped a three-game losing streak to earn the right to play for fifth place against Kuwait today.

The Kuwaitis subdued Kazakhstan-Tobol, 96-87, in the second game.

Adducul and Miller tossed in 14 points each to lead RP-San Miguel, which closed out its classification assignment with a level 3-3 card.

The Scores:

RP-SMC 73-Adducul 14, Miller 14, Villanueva 11, Dela Cruz 7, Ritualo 6, Thoss 6, Hontiveros 5, Reavis 4, De Ocampo 2, Caguioa 2, Belasco 2, Alapag 0.

SYRIA 57-Carter 20, Abdullah 12, Hasaballah 7, Rutland 6, Alkatib 4, Sindeed 4, Alrifae 2, Al-Shatti 2, Knefati 0.

Quarters: 19-16, 34-24, 54-39, 73-57

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS: Raymund Sangil (third from right) and Katrina Gonzalez (fourth from right) of the Riviera Golf and Country Club show off their trophies and prizes as men's and ladies division winners of the recent National Tournament of Club Champions at the Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club recently. From left are PDI president Sandy Prieto Romualdez, Riviera chair of the board Cesar Jayme, PDI chair Marixi Prieto, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp. CEO Warner Manning, who hosted the awarding ceremonies at his Forbes Park residence, and Jong Arcano, editor of INQUIRER Golf. Sangil won a trip to the HSBC world match play in England in September and Gonzalez to the ladies world match play of the LPGA Tour in New Jersey, USA, this month.

Powerbowl youth team sizzles

POWERBOWL Youth Team member John Racho (TBAM and Prima) defeated teammate Kenneth Chua, 235-179, to win the classified division in the recent third DATBI-CSI FFW Invitational Open Championships in Dagupan City.

Chua beat fellow PowerBowl Youth and Prima teammate Angelo Carandang, 219-177, in the semis. Racho received P50,000 and a trophy.

Madelline Llamas, Liza Vicente and Kia Enriquez, also Powerbowl Youth team members, earned P10,000, P5,000 and P3,000 as the top three female bowlers.

Llamas had a series of 1730 after eight games, followed by Enriquez (1729) and Vicente (1720), respectively.

Markwin Tee of PBAP-Bowlmart completed the sweep of youth bowlers when he beat Marwin Santiago of DATBI in the open division.

The PowerBowl Youth Team is supported by Rockwell Land Corporation chair Manolo Lopez.

Bautista fights KO artist June 11

REIGNING WBO Asia-Pacific bantamweight champion Rey 'Boom-Boom' Bautista faces an explosive fighter in Mexican Gilberto Bolanos in their June 11 10-round clash at the Mandaue Sports Complex in Cebu.

The iron-fisted 27-year-old Bolanos owns 10 wins, all by knockout, against eight losses and one draw while the punching-machine Bautista prides himself of having stopped 11 of his 15 opponents so far. *Salven L. Lagumbay*

SPORTSWATCH

Alvendia eyes rare feat in superbike

A3 MOTORSPORTS driver Philip Alvendia hopes to achieve a rare feat of winning in two different racing disciplines today at the Batangas Racing Circuit. That's because Alvendia will be competing in both the National Touring Car Championship under the A3 Motorsports-Malayan Automaster National Touring Team, and the Shell Advance Superbikes Series carrying the colors of Malayan Motorcycle 1 National Superbike Championship Team. Alvendia is supported by Bridgestone, Malayan Insurance, Rota Wheels, Honda, True Value and Atoy Body Kits, and supported by Autoindustriya.com, motorcycleasia.com, PUMA, Aboitiz 2GO and Rudy Project.

Bumgarner heads RP kart bets

THE COUNTRY'S top karters, led by Asian Karting Queen Michelle Bumgarner, test their skills against Asia's best in the kickoff leg of the 2005 Asian Open Karting Championship at the Carmona Circuit Philippines. Eighty karters from six countries are expected to compete in the FIA-CIK event sanctioned by the Automobile Association of the Philippines (AAP) and sponsored by Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation, Denso Iridium Power, Bridgestone, Vivere Suite Hotel, Palmer Asia and supported by Addict Mobile, DMCI Homes, Eastway Motorcycle Racing, Aeromed and Aviva Insurance. The other countries entered are Hong Kong, Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

Kennie goes for badminton five-peat

WHILE her first four victories in the JVC Open Badminton Championships were virtual romps, Kennie Asuncion expects a tough outing when she goes for a rare five-peat feat in the annual event that unfolded yesterday at the Glorietta Activity Center. For one, Asuncion, coach of the Ateneo squad in the UAAP, would be facing a select field of talents which want to end her domination in the event. Among them are Ateneo assistant coach and fellow national team member Alma Ledesma, former Ateneo stalwart and RP team mainstay Irene Chiu, power-hitting Jovalyn Cabanero of Far Eastern U and Paula Obanana of La Salle, who have all prepared hard for this tournament sponsored by giant electronics firm JVC (Phils.) Inc.

ATENEO-LA SALLE: La Salle will participate in the Fil Oil/Flying V Ultimate Showdown: Ateneo-La Salle Basketball Classic on July 2 at the Araneta Coliseum. Tournament chair Dave Dualan (left, second row) and La Salle Batch 84 representative Howie Calleja (fifth from left), whoop it up with former varsity players.

Thai beats Sales for WBO title

FILIPINO Mark Sales failed in his bid to add the WBO Asia Pacific super flyweight title to his WBF crown Friday, dropping a unanimous decision to Thai Pramuansak Phosuwan in Sri Mahasarakham Nur, Thailand. Pramuansak proved the superior all-around fighter, digging well to the body and hurting Sales early in the rib cage. The WBO No. 1 Pramuansak is hoping for a crack at the title against champion Fernando Montiel of Mexico this year. In the supporting bout, WBF Asia Pacific champion Rodel Orais lost by a third-round knockout to WBO No. 1 super bantam Sod Looknongyantoy in a six-rounder. The Thai knocked down Orais three times in the third. *Salven L. Lagumbay*

'Sports List' premiers today on NBN-4

THE SPORTS List, a weekly sports show on the National Broadcasting Network (NBN-4), gets on the air today with a mini-primer on the 23rd Philippines Southeast Asian Games as main fare. Produced by GTE Sports in collaboration with NBN-4, the program supported by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) will air from 9:15-9:45 p.m. every Sundays over the government network with former sportswriter and racing commentator Howie Basilio as host. The initial telecast will feature exclusive interviews with Secretary Roberto Pagdanganan, chair of the Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee (Philsoc), Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines (Abap) president Manny Lopez and FG Foundation executive director Tess Mangahas.

Fistorama features light flyweight bout

SAMSUNG'S Fistorama features this afternoon an exciting 8-round bout in the light flyweight division between Michael Rodriguez and Alex Aroy. The bout was held recently at the New Gallera de Mandaue in Cebu in a fight card promoted by Rex "Wakee" Salud and is shown worldwide through ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV. Samsung's Fistorama, supported by Samsung, Tanduay, PCSO and Mapecon is aired nationwide at 4 p.m., Sundays on RPN 9. "Golf Power Plus," featuring the elimination round of the Cantada SPorts Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Challenge airs at 3 p.m.

Thunderbird Pintakasi launching

"COCKAIBANG Pista" will be witnessed and experienced when Thunderbird Pintakasi is launch, in conjunction with the World Slasher Cup 2005 II, by exclusive sponsor Thunderbird Power Feeds. The week-long Thunderbird Pintakasi will add color and excitement to the WSC 2005 II International 8-Cock Derby which will take place at the Araneta Coliseum on June 14, 16 & 18. Thunderbird Platinum, Grower Maintenance Pellets – Thunderbird's newest product will be introduced during the event hosted by Jorge "Nene" Araneta, Jun Santiago & Gov. Ito Ynares.

Dela Cruz shines in Eneos dragfest

YOUTHFUL driver Michael dela Cruz, Bong Rambuyon and Ariel Batungbacal proved steadiest behind the wheel of their racing machines to prevail in their respective racing categories in the recent Eneos All Power Drag Racing Championship 2005 at Spur Road, Clarkfield, Pampanga. Driving out of Bolt-On racing team, Dela Cruz bolted out to a fast 12.99 seconds clocking aboard his red striped black Honda hatchback in besting Autoworx's Allen Dizon for top honors in the Pro division. Rambuyon of Revspeed zipped in 13 seconds flat in his blood red Honda hatchback to claim the Hotstreet plum over MOHSPEED's Morris Miranda. (

PRO class champ Michael dela Cruz, Allen Dizon, Hotstreet titlist Bong Rambuyon, Morris Miranda, Superstock champ Ariel Batungbacal and Danes Sarmiento with Eneos staff Richard Papa, Impact PR System's Ram Base, Ismael Amigo and Eneos vice president Ferdie Tarroza after the Eneos All Power Drag Racing.

Chot to conduct women's team tryouts tomorrow

CHOT Reyes will conduct tryouts for the National women's basketball team starting at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the Moro Lorenzo gym.

Reyes, who finally received his formal appointment from the Philippine Olympic Committee yesterday, also invited Raymund Celis, the appointed head coach of the women's team before the suspension of the Basketball Association of the Philippines, to show up on Monday and be part of the group that will conduct the selection process.

Villamayor, Donguines share early lead

GRANDMASTER Bong Villamayor gave National Master Julius Joseph De Ramos a quick reality check in the first round of the National Standard Chess Grand Finals Friday at the Sunflower Hotel in Tagaytay City.

The lone GM starter in the event sanctioned by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines took the measure of the only age-grouper in the field after 45 moves of an English Opening.

GMs Eugene Torre, Joey Antonio and Nelson Mariano II were absent because of various reasons.

Torre withdrew while Antonio and Mariano, who were expected to arrive from the United States yesterday, requested for the postponement of their match.

These developments overshadowed the victory of Fide Master Fernie Donguines over IMr Mark Paragua after 25 moves of a Benoni.

IM Jayson Gonzales joined the early leaders by trouncing brother-in-law FM Jesse Noel Sales in 57 moves of an English.

In the distaff side, favorites WIM Beverly Mendoza and FM Sheerie Joy Lomibao agreed to an 18-move draw of an English Opening.

WNM Loreshyl Cuizon, Kimberly Cunanan and Therese Gonzales shared the lead with victories.

Empire King eyes another win under Alcasid today

By Edwin Villanueva
Contributor

EMPIRE King ran successfully under Antonio Alcasid Jr. in his last outing.

Today, fans are raring to find out if the duo would click again when the veteran jockey gets back atop the 2004 Horse of the Year in the Mayor Jejomar Binay Cup at the Santa Ana Park.

Using his vast experience in stretch driving, Alcasid powered Empire King to a vengeful victory over Cover Girl in the 31st Marho Founders' Cup last week, leaving the impression that he, too, can handle the champion horse as brilliantly as regular rider Jeffrey Ladiana.

"*Kampeon yan eh, kaya dapat galingan natin ang pagdadala* (He's a champion so I have to give him a good ride)," said Alcasid, citing the caliber of the Perfect Halo-Carta Nueve progeny.

Empire King is toting a 6-4 (win-loss) record since January this year and there should be no reason why he would not go up as the outstanding choice at post time because he has an awesome slate of 10 victories in 13 starts thus far at the Makati race track.

In this afternoon's assignment, there would be no Cover Girl for Empire King to worry about. Instead, it will be the filly's stablemate and perennial coupled bet, West Bound, who will try to frustrate Alcasid and his mount.

West Bound came in only third in the recent Marho race and the closest he came to beating Empire King was during the 32nd Presidential Gold Cup in December.

However, the son of Heza Gone West lost by a mere nose, the second straight year he failed to win the country's most prestigious race.

The only other race which West Bound finished ahead of Empire King occurred in the Commissioner's Cup when he landed behind eventual first placer Cover Girl and Empire King wound up third.

"*Susubok lang tayo uli. Magaling naman ang sakay ko* (We'll try again. I have a good horse anyway)," said Eldy Salvador, who'll be handling West Bound anew.

Alcasid picked West Bound as their toughest rival but hinted that the other entries should not be discounted in today's 1,500 main event which is also serving as the third leg of the Santa Ana Championship.

Also joining the chase for the P300,000 first prize are imports Sound Offer, Queen Bearheart and Desirable.

Sound Offer, to be skippered for the first time by Fernando Raquel Jr., owns the distinction of beating West Bound in the second leg of the Santa Ana series, then under Salvador's guidance.

Queen Bearheart's connections is also resorting to the jockey switch as Jonathan Hernandez gets the ride in favor of John Alvin Guce, while Manolito Daquis remains as Desirable's pilot.

Empire King's best time over 1,500 meters is 1:34.5, the same clocking Sound Offer did when he beat West Bound, who topped last year's Classic Open which Empire King skipped.

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Race 7—1. Empire King 2. West Bound
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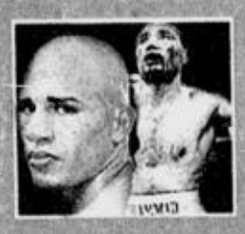

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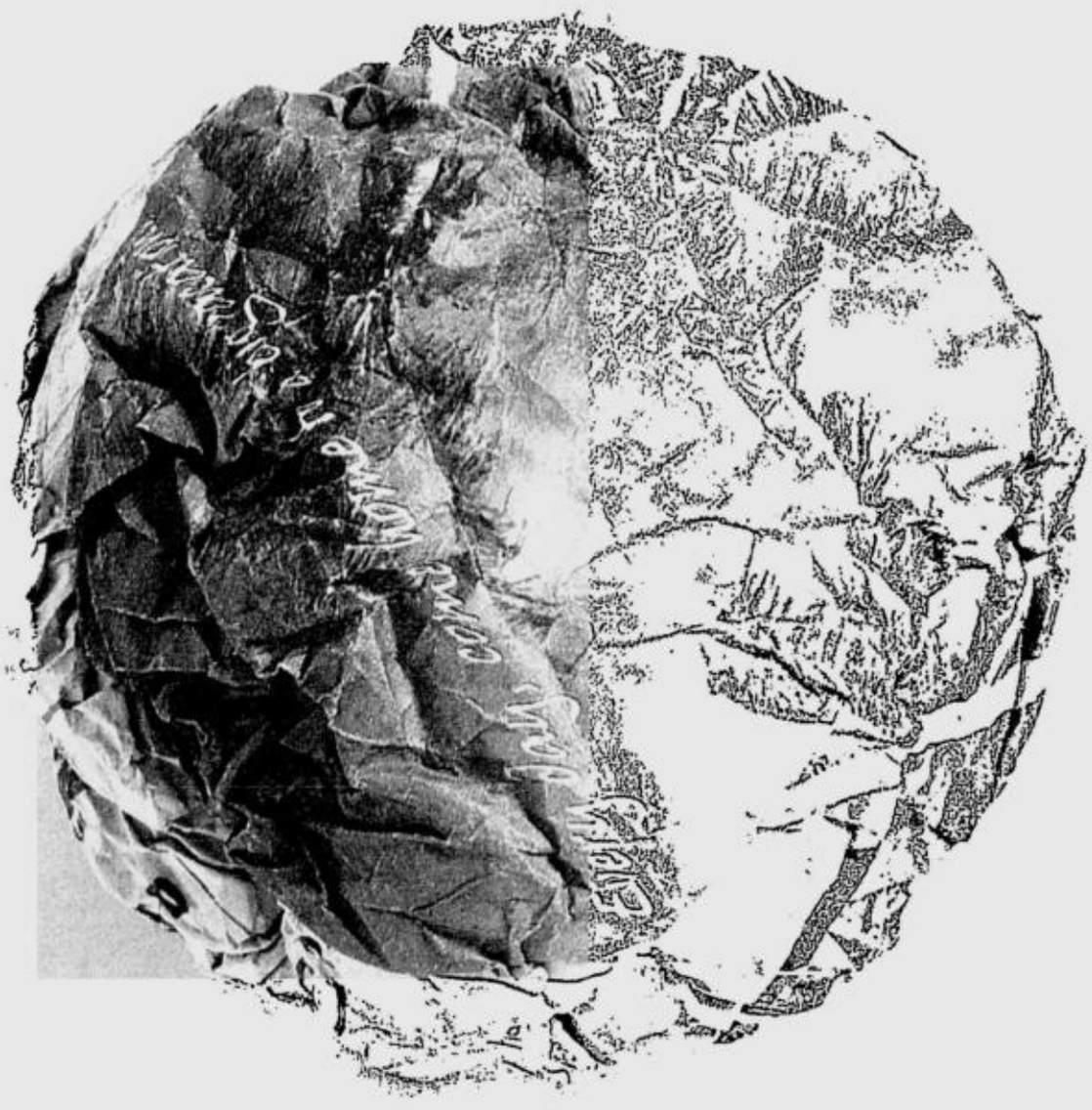

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INQUIRER

Tiger moves up; Jack walks away

TIGER Woods lines up his birdie on the 8th hole. AFP

DUBLIN, Ohio—Jeff Sluman remained atop the leaderboard after two rounds of the Memorial on an emotional Friday in which Jack Nicklaus gave a departing kiss and Tiger Woods arrived among the frontrunners.

Sluman, whom Nicklaus picked as an assistant captain at the last Presidents Cup, hit a flop shot that dropped for birdie and a 1-under 71 that gave him a one-shot lead over Woods and four others heading into the weekend.

Woods was tied for the lead along the back nine until missing the 17th green and making his only bogey of the tournament, dropping him to a 68. He was joined by Jonathan Kaye, Harrison Frazar, Lucas Glover and Nick O'Hern, the Australian lefty who beat Woods in the second round at the Match Play Championship.

Still, the day belonged to Nicklaus, who pressed both hands to his lips for a farewell kiss to the crowd as he walked off the 18th green at Muirfield Village.

He played what might be his final US PGA Tour event on American soil, and wasn't too happy with how it ended. The cheers that echoed around the course he helped design were usually for par, sometimes for bogey, always just to see the 65-year-old Nicklaus approach the green.

The score made him sick to his stomach—a 5-over 77 to miss the cut by six shots.

"It will probably close out my golf in the United States in regular tournament golf, more than likely," Nicklaus said. "I may come back here, but I certainly wouldn't plan on it."

Then again . . .

"I just can't stand finishing with a 77," he said.

Sluman had few complaints with his 71, especially since it put him in the lead at 8-under 136. Sluman was among the few players near the lead who didn't drop any strokes over the final three holes, although it sure looked as if he would when he missed the green to the left at No. 17.

His flop shot was perfect and rattled into the cup for a birdie, and he avoided trouble on the 18th.

"I hit it pretty solid, just didn't get as much out of it because I didn't hit as close as I needed to," Sluman said. "I obviously am in a pretty good position."

O'Hern (70) and Frazar (68) each had a chance to tie for the lead until bogeys on the 18th hole, while Glover and Kaye each had 70 and played the final three holes in par.

Vijay Singh birdied the 18th, but all that meant was that he finished one shot ahead of Nicklaus. Singh missed a half-dozen putts inside 12 feet, took another double bogey on the 17th and followed his 77 with a 74 to miss the cut for the second time this year.

Woods walked into the scoring trailer and a US PGA Tour official welcomed him by saying, "One down, 141 to go." He missed the cut two weeks ago at the Byron Nelson Championship, ending his record cut streak at 142. *AP*

FRENCH OPEN

Nadal's natal day ends in triumph

PARIS—Sorry, Roger.

When teen sensation Rafael Nadal won an 18-shot rally to complete his most impressive victory yet, he collapsed on his back at the French Open and stood covered in the clay he loves. Then he trotted to the net to shake hands with top-ranked Roger Federer.

"I said, 'I'm sorry for you,'" Nadal said. "He said, 'No, no, you played very well.' It's not easy when one player is the No. 1 and lost in the semifinal of a Grand Slam at Roland Garros when he never won here. And he's unbelievable, no?"

Unbelievable, perhaps, but not unbeatable. Federer lost to Nadal, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, in the semifinals of the French Open on Friday. The result altered the balance of power atop the men's game, with Federer's reign no longer quite so secure, and advanced Nadal to the final on Sunday against unseeded Mariano Puerta.

Playing on his 19th birthday, Nadal avenged a loss to Federer at Key Biscayne two months ago and extended his winning streak to 23 matches, all on clay. The Spaniard became the youngest men's finalist at Roland Garros since Michael Chang, the 1989 champion at age 17.

"My best present for today is this match, no?" Nadal said in his rapidly improving English.

With light fading in the final set, Nadal swept the last five games and stopped Federer short in his bid for his first French Open title to complete a career Grand Slam.

"I would say the disappointment is in control," Federer said. "I'm not going to destroy the locker room and never play tennis again. I feel like the motivation's big to come back the next few years and to do better."

Nadal and Puerta, who beat Russian Nikolay Davydenko, 6-3, 5-7, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, will play in their first major final. It will be the first all-lefty men's final at Roland Garros in the Open era. *AP*

RAFAEL Nadal jubilates after making the finals. AFP

There's something about Mary

PARIS—An abusive father overshadows her as a teen. But she shoots to fame as a young woman, only to suffer career-threatening injuries. Just when the world had written her off, she stages a comeback and makes a nation proud.

Sound like good book material?

"It would make a really amazing story, that's for sure," Mary Pierce said.

For now, she said she has "no idea" if there's an autobiography in her future. But if she undertook a book, Pierce said Friday, she would expose herself and write about the bad times as well as the good.

When she faces Justine Henin-Hardenne in the French Open final Saturday, Pierce will be the oldest women's Grand Slam finalist since Martina Navratilova was runner-up at Wimbledon in 1994 at age 37.

Troubled as a teen by a tumultuous relationship with her father, who was banned by the WTA Tour for four years, Pierce rose to third in the rankings at age 20 when she won the 1995 Australian Open.

The next breakthrough came in 2000, when the Roland Garros title helped her finally win over French fans who had jeered her in the past and mocked her American accent. *AP*

Lady Stags take down Lady Tams

SAN SEBASTIAN flirted with disaster in the third set but rode out FEU's late surge for a 25-18, 25-23, 26-24 victory yesterday in the Shakey's V-League at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

Lady Stags Jennifer Bohawe and Laurence Ann Latigay had a combined 28 points but it was power smasher Cherry Ann Macatangay who saved the Lady Stags—despite not being in tip-top shape—with a game-high 18 points.

"*Nakatulong lahat sa* offense (Everybody helped in offense)," said coach Roger Gorayeb of what won the game for them.

San Sebastian, now sitting comfortably at second with a 5-1 card, was in the driver's seat for most of the match until Lady Tamaraw Ruby May Rovira rallied with five crucial kills in the homestretch.

FEU, which came off a straight-set loss to Santo Tomas on Thursday, slid to 1-6, dimming their chance of entering the semifinals in the event backed by Mikasa, Accel, IBC 13 and Jemah Television.

Meanwhile, San Sebastian shoots for win No. 6 against winless Lyceum but are not relaxing.

"This is another round of the tournament, *parang* back to zero, so we're not taking any match for granted," Gorayeb said.

Highlights of the match will be shown on IBC 13 at 7 tonight, according to the organizing Sports Vision Management Group Inc.

In the second game, University of Santo Tomas defeated Ateneo, 22-25, 25-21, 25-23, 18-25, 15-6. The Tigresses upped their record to 4-3, tying the Lady Eagles at third place. *Karla Tricia Magno*

MPC summer camp draws huge turnout

MANILA Polo Club's (MPC) Train with the Best, Excel from the Rest summer training camp spelled success with its 750 total participants this year.

Last year, the Club was able to register 615 participants which is a fairly good number compared with its contemporaries.

With the doubled number of MPC's summer patrons this year, sponsors, coaches and organizers look forward to a better stint in 2006.

The "Train with the Best, Excel from the Rest" Summer Training Camp offered baseball, wall climbing and ultimate frisbee. Also included are archery, badminton, fencing, golf, karate, taekwondo, soccer, squash, swimming and tennis. The program lasted from March 28 to May 31.

Other activities included in the program were overnight camping adventures, dance workshops (ballet and modern jazz), reading and arts enrichment program, and cooking lessons.

Manila Polo Club lauded its Sports and Games directors, Roberto de Ocampo and Ray Dempsey, Sports and Games manager Sonny Orallo and the different sports committee chairpersons and members, namely, Boopsie Eraña (archery, ultimate frisbee, wall climbing and soccer), Don Felbaum (badminton), Arnold McKenzie (fencing, taekwondo, karate and dance workshops), Philip Mallari (golf), Raymond Suarez (tennis), and James Marsh Thomson (swimming).

SOCCER is one of the activities the MPC Summer Camp offered.

Team Santos tops ABL

TEAM Santos defeated Team Racela, 64-62, to top the 2005 Ouano Division of the recently concluded Ateneo Basketball League.

Ranier Sison, a former pro, made three crucial freethrows to seal the victory.

Team Santos is sponsored by Esprit, U2 and Cinderella.

Team Racela, led by former PBA players Eric Ryes and Gabby Cui, is the same team they beat in last year's championships.

Bannering Team Santos is captain Richie Santos who incidentally holds the ABL record for most points in a single game when he shot 75 points against Team Bengzon last year. Majority of Team Santos' players were once part of the Ateneo Seniors and/or Juniors UAAP Championship teams. These are Division MVP Mon Tiosecco, Defensive Player of the Year Sonny Tadeo, Bajjie del Rosario, Paul Tan etc. Epok Quimpo and Eric Yao.

NBC tilt: Golden Harvest tames Baguio Lions

BAGUIO CITY—Mayor Jose Galario Jr.'s Valencia Golden Harvest posted its second straight win in its Northern Conference campaign in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship Friday by holding off the Baguio Lions, 71-68, at the UB gym here.

Down nine late in the game, the Texas Instruments Philippines/Beneco-backed Lions of Vice Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. rallied behind Melvin Fontanilla and Jun Balare to close in at 68-69 with six seconds left.

But Valencia's Joel Gragasin sank two freethrows to douse cold water on the Lions' rally.

Valencia, which nipped Cavite the other day, leveled its record at 2-2 in the tourney backed by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Cebu Pacific, Philtranco, Spring Cooking Oil, Accel, Molten, Sunbolt, Nature's Spring, Far Eastern Insurance, Skygo Motorcycles, Sdirlitz Solutions Provider, Peng Ping Lechon, Rough Rider Jeans, Bayview Hotel and Holiday Plaza Cebu.

Valencia tied Iligan Crusaders for third spot in the Southern Conference. Ozamiz City leads with a card, followed by Iloilo (1-2).

'Balikbayan'

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

ONE OF the first things a *balikbayan* notices after hitting town is our continuing romance with basketball. After being away for years, many *balikbayans* I know express surprise over our being eternally in love with the game.

"What I am surprised about most," says a *balikbayan*-friend, "is we haven't really grown that tall after all these years and yet, we continue to adore the sport."

He next blurts out the complaint of many anti-basketball fellows in our midst: Basketball is a tall man's game and we can never win in international competitions.

"I left more than a decade ago with basketball as our national sport," says my *balikbayan*-friend. "Why it has remained that way, I can only say one thing: We must be a crazy race, indeed."

When I tell him about how huge the salaries of some of our basketball players receive per year, he shakes his head and says: "Omigosh! They really pay them that much?"

When I tell him about the minimum salary of a basketball player in the PBA and I next tell him how much I get per month, his eyes seem to pop out of their sockets.

"What? And to think that your pieces on them would always help boost their stock?" he says. "You make them famous with your writings and you only earn that much?"

When I tell him I have no problem with that, when I say I eat three meals a day aside from having a couple of *meriendas* during the day—not to mention having some beer in the evening once in a while—I see him shake his head again, as though in disgust.

"Come to America and I can use your brains to make you earn a fortune," he says.

"Thank you, thank you," I say to him. "But what I am and where I am now, I am happy as can be, as contented as a fattening cow."

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John Lennon sang: "Happiness is a warm gun."

Whatever he meant by that, nobody knew. Only he would know.

A dear cousin of Boni M. Sison has embraced the life of a homeless in America.

"She is happy with that and who are we to dispute her?" says Boni, the bosom friend of *Kuya* Pepito, my *balikbayan* brother. "Happiness is what you and I think, what you and I feel. We may differ in views about happiness, but only you can really define your own brand of happiness."

Bottom line is, there's no amount of money in the world that can buy happiness. Believe me. You think you are buying happiness when you pay someone to take care of you in your old age?

No, what you will be paying for is service. Not happiness. Not even love.

"OK, OK, change the topic," the *balikbayan* says. "Has your peace and order situation here become really that bad? I mean, I notice that almost every village in the metropolis employs guards at the gate, each one armed to the teeth. Some beautiful houses that I've seen are now even enveloped by barbed wires. Pathetic!"

Suddenly, I remember the answer to that—supplied by another friend of mine a while back: "Because our government cannot protect us anymore. So we have to protect our own selves."

I was almost tempted to add: "You know we also need to protect ourselves from the government."

"OK, OK, change the topic," says the *balikbayan*. "When are we going to play golf again?"

Ah, golf is the one game that he plays with passion. He has become addicted to it.

"From where I live, I can't play golf all year round," says he. "In winter, there's no golf at all. You are lucky here because your golf courses are open 12 months a year. I envy you, guys."

The last time he played golf was in October.

"Even if I play golf here everyday, I won't mind," says he. "All things being equal, our country is still the best country. When I finally retire, I intend to come home and stay here for good. Golf is my happiness."

"Change the topic?"

"Nah," he says. "What time are you fetching me for our golf game tomorrow?"

Penalty drops RP's Murakami to fourth place

MALAYSIA—Artemio Murakami shot a one-over 73 in the final round on Friday to settle for fourth place in the Saujana Amateur Open at the Saujana Golf Club.

Murakami finished with a 211 total, four shots behind Australian Andrew Tampion.

The 22-year-old former RP Open champion fell out of the fight on No. 9 after being penalized two strokes for moving a yardage marker on the fairway for his third shot.

Local rules at the Saujana allow a player to take a drop in those situations, but Murakami pulled the marker from the ground and did not take a drop to hit his shot.

It was the end of a frenzied comeback for Murakami, who clawed to within one behind Tampion after starting the day five strokes down.

"I really was not aware of the local rules," said Murakami over the phone. "Obviously, it was a bitter way to learn a lesson."

The Aussie shot rounds of 69-70 and 73 even as Juvic Pagunsan, who won the Pan West Amateurs last week, failed to work himself back in the mix after opening up with a 79 on Wednesday to finish sixth.

Marvin Dumandan, the second placer here last year, and former caddies' champion Jay Bayron tied for eighth place with 220 totals. *Musong R. Castillo*

Game 6 puts Pistons legacy at stake

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan—At stake for the Detroit Pistons in Game 6 against the Miami Heat is so much more than their NBA playoff lives. The outcome will go a long way toward determining whether history will view them as a fluke champion.

Try to find an NBA champion that didn't win at least two titles in a span of four years, and it takes some searching. There hasn't been one since the Philadelphia 76ers of 1982-83.

The Pistons' ultimate legacy won't be known for another few years, but their short-term impact on people's long-term perceptions will be based in large part on how they perform on Saturday in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals and possibly in Game 7 on Monday back in Miami.

"Saying it was a fluke because they only won it once, that's not what we want to leave associated with this team," Detroit's Lindsey Hunter said on Friday after the Pistons practice following their 88-76 loss in Game 5.

It remained uncertain whether the Heat would have Dwyane Wade available for Game 6 after he strained a right rib muscle in Game 5. Wade, who did not practice or speak to the media on Friday, has been Miami's leading scorer in the playoffs, averaging 27 points in the five games against Detroit.

"There's a lot of things that might happen," Miami coach Stan Van Gundy said.

While the Heat worried about Wade, the Pistons concerned themselves with trying to find a way to get Rasheed Wallace more involved in the offense and less involved in controversy.

Wallace scored just two points and attempted only three shots in Game 5, drawing a technical foul after he went to the bench following his third offensive foul of the night. *AP*

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This time, FedEx is craving for a crown

By June Navarro

CONTENTED with just chalking up a decent finish every conference the past seasons, there's nothing wrong if the FedEx Express crave for a Philippine Basketball Association title this time around.

"It's possible and the players know it. I guess it's just a matter of believing on what we're trying to do in practice and even during the games," said FedEx coach Bong Ramos, who took over from Joe Lipa before the start of the conference.

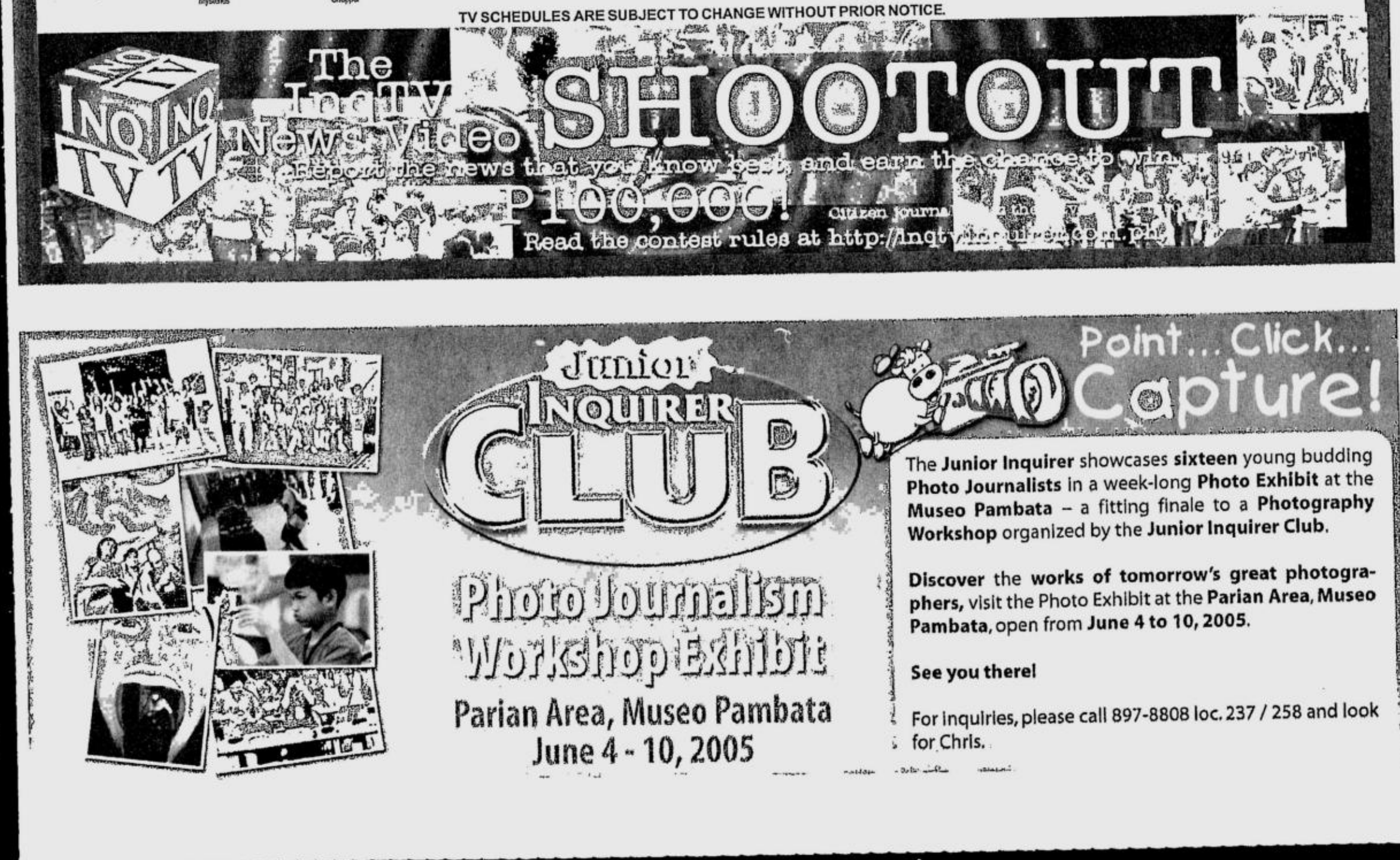
Ramos, undoubtedly, is the chief architect of the Express' ongoing success in the Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference.

Since the former Mapua Cardinal called the shots, FedEx has skyrocketed from perennial tailender to title contender.

"If there's one team really serious of taking home the championship, it's FedEx," said Alaska coach Tim Cone. "You cannot take them for granted unless you wanted to be blown away."

Though the Bert Lina-owned franchise lost its last two games, the Express still wound up fifth after winning half of their 18 classification-round games to advance into the wild-card phase opposite the Purefoods TJ Hotdogs.

Wesley Gonzales came out of his shell in the ongoing conference by putting on quality minutes while new recruits Gary David and Bruce Dacia have been dishing out performances complementary of the FedEx starters.



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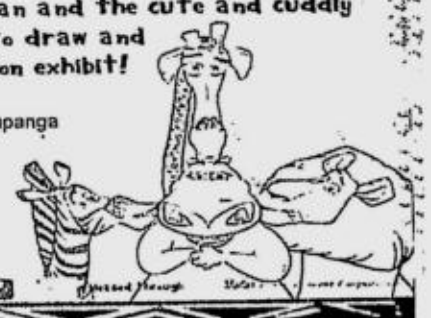

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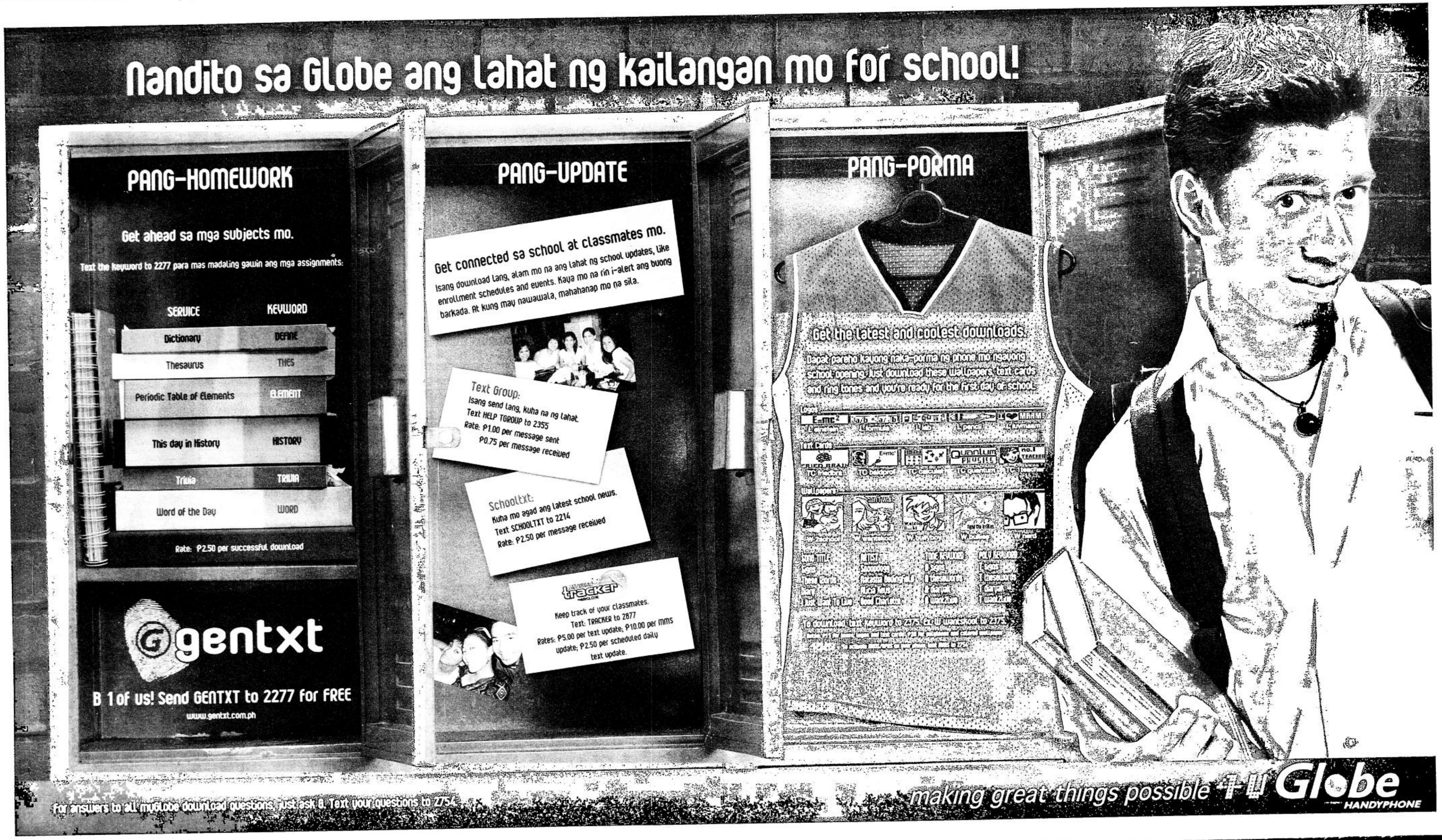
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'I feel it in my bones'

Jomari Yllana is sure that 'Kampanerang Kuba,' where he plays Prinsipe Abuk, will be a hit

By Nini Valera

RYAN LIM

JOMARI with steady Danish friend Thea Froekjaer. Right now, he just wants to be the best dad he can be for son Andre.

LONG before Anne Rice dreamed up Lasher and the Vampire Lestat, novelist Pablo S. Gomez had already created Prinsipe Abuk, an underworld being that personified all the ugliness of the world, in the *komiks* novel "Kampanerang Kuba."

Like Lestat, Prinsipe Abuk longed for beauty and acceptance even if having both meant the death of everybody in his kingdom, Naabukak. Drinking the elixir called Wali, Abuk transformed into Martin and re-invented himself as a philanthropist. He also fell in love with the mortal Lucia, but ended up marrying her sister Lourdes. They had a daughter, Fatima, a disfigured hunchback, who would turn into a beauty by the light of a powerful candle.

Playing bad guy

In this tale of love, hate, and redemption, and in the character of Prinsipe Abuk, actor Jomari Yllana has found his latest acting challenge. "Kampanerang Kuba" is ABS CBN's latest prime time series, starring Anne Curtis in the title role.

"I love playing the bad guy," Jomari told INQUIRER Entertainment during an exclusive interview at the launching of the TV series last Tuesday. "It's a solid role that gives me freedom to move around. There are so many things that can happen as the story develops."

Ironically, Jomari has never read the popular novel, serialized in *komiks* pages in the '60s and adapted for the big screen in the '70s, with Vilma Santos playing the lead role.

"That was a different generation," he said. "But I've heard a lot about it, especially the movie."

Jomari predicted a good six-month run for the series: "I feel it in my bones, this one's going to be a hit."

A hit series is something that the actor could use after two movie flops—"Sigaw," a psycho thriller, and the poignant drama "Minsan Pa," with ex-girlfriend Ara Mina.

"That's why I'm so picky about movie roles," he explained. "You really need to make good choices nowadays. In an industry that's not doing so well,

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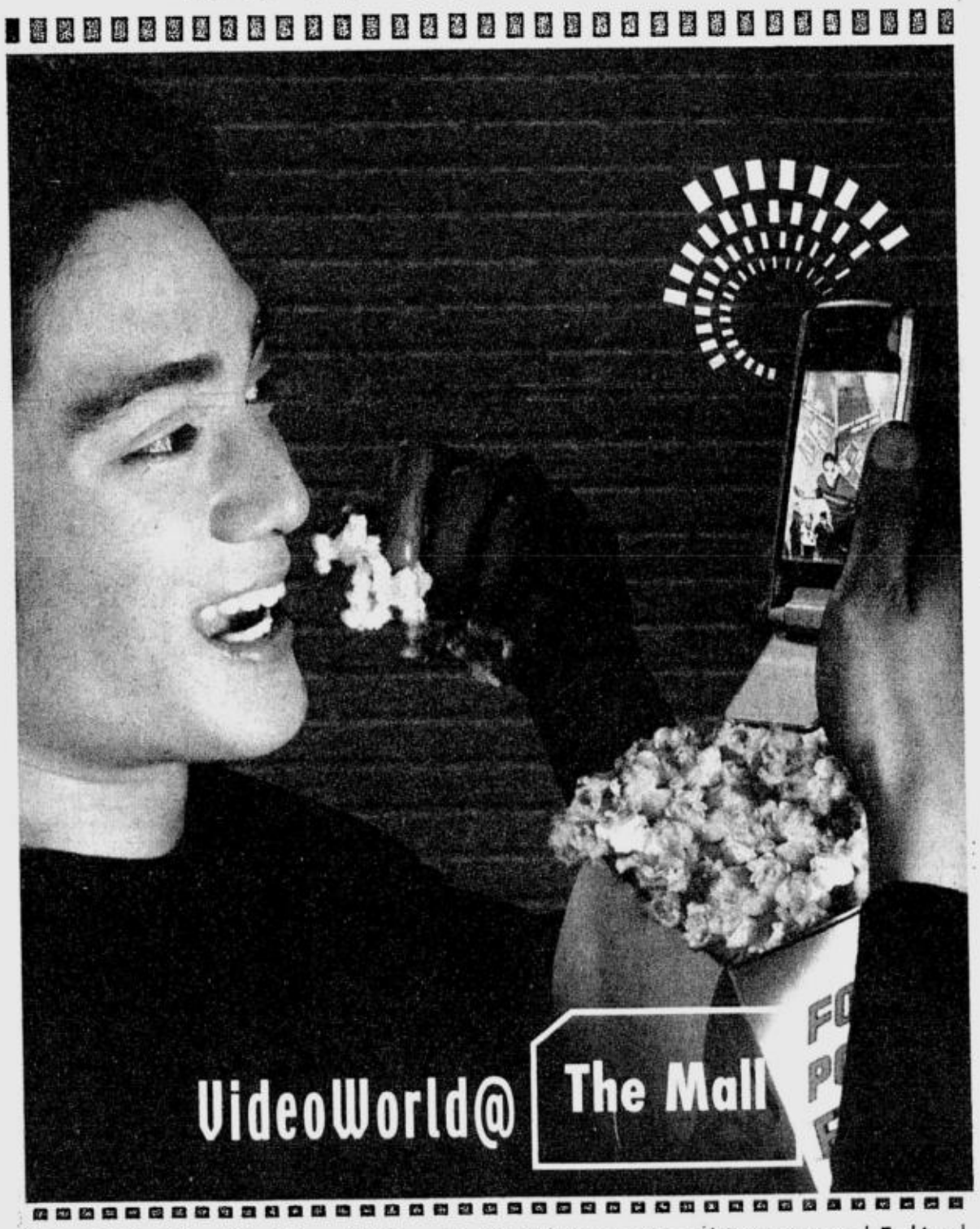

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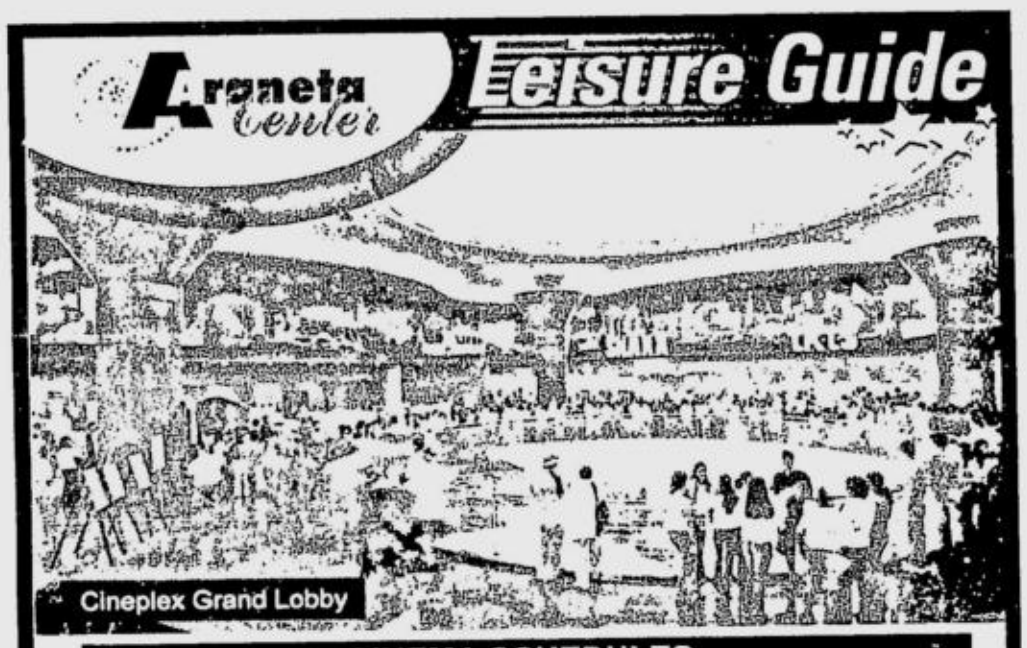

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'I feel it in my bones'

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the competition is really stiff. It's better to make a movie that you would be remembered for, instead of one that just passed through, didn't make money and got bad reviews."

"Minsan Pa" was a big gamble, Jomari said, in terms of story and treatment. "We didn't know if we had a market for a film where 50 percent of the dialogue was in Cebuano. But personally, I'm happy with that movie. I played a very challenging role, and it was a very good script."

There are still "so many roles" that he would like to play, he said—"serious roles, hard roles, roles that Johnny Depp would play."

Real-life role

But perhaps the most challenging role that Jomari, 28, would ever play is being father to Andre, 7, his son with ex-wife Aiko Melendez.

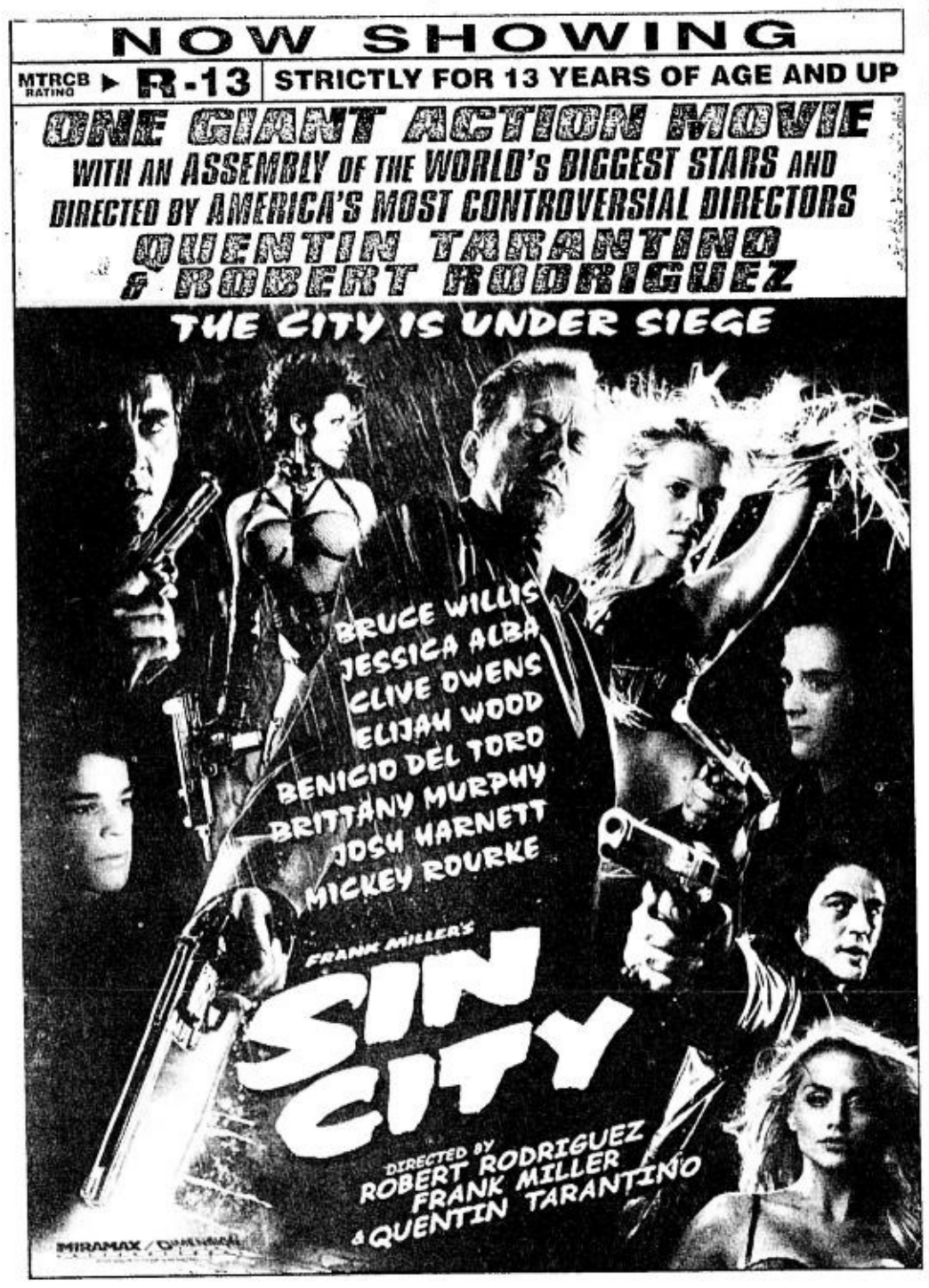
"Andre's so big now; I just enrolled him in Grade 1 at the Ateneo," said Jomari, who described himself as a hands-on dad. "I join all of Andre's school activities," he explained. "I'm happy now. I've been better, but I can't complain."

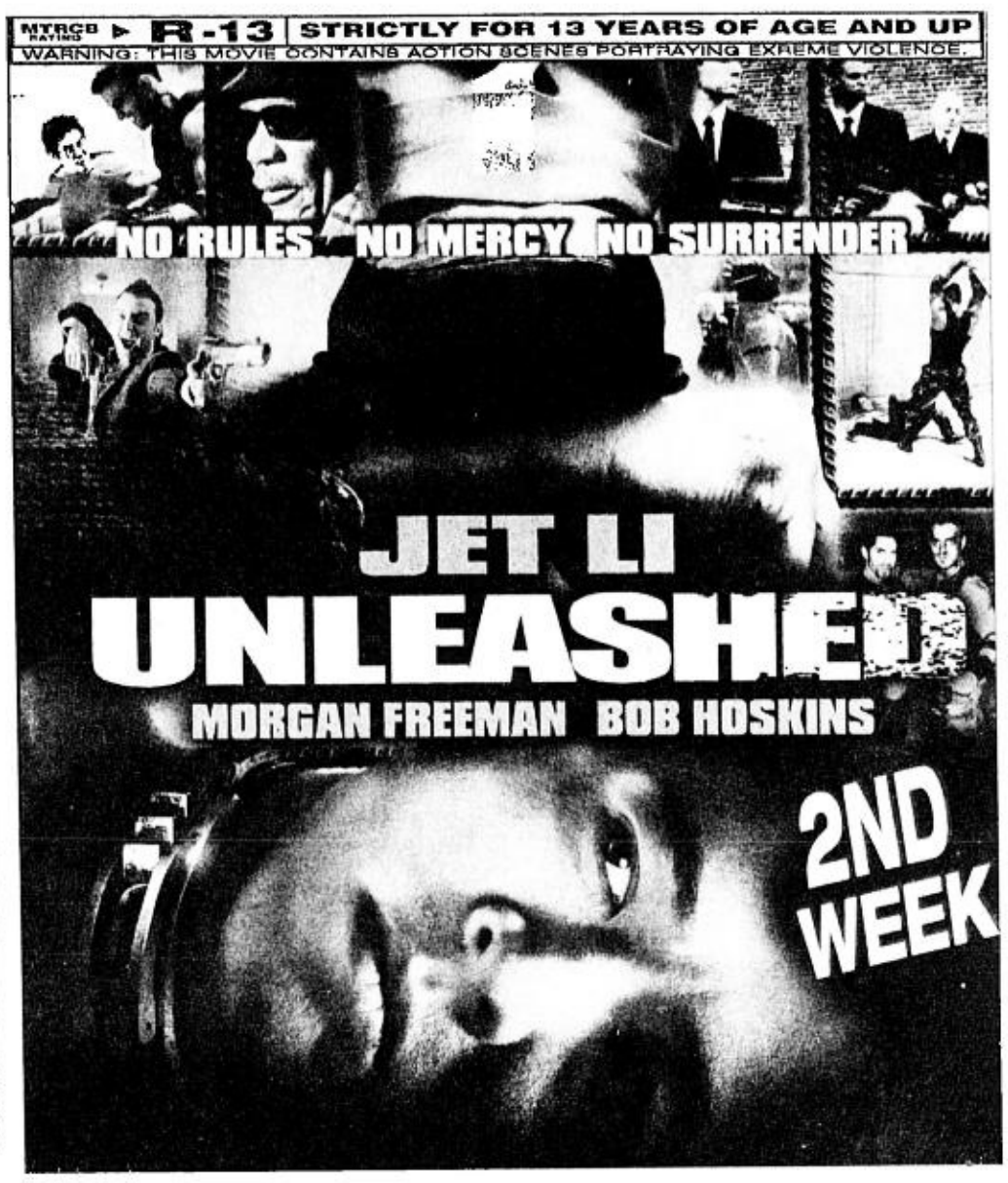
He said he and Aiko were finally friends, and that they shared all parenting chores. All expenses for their son are split "down the middle."

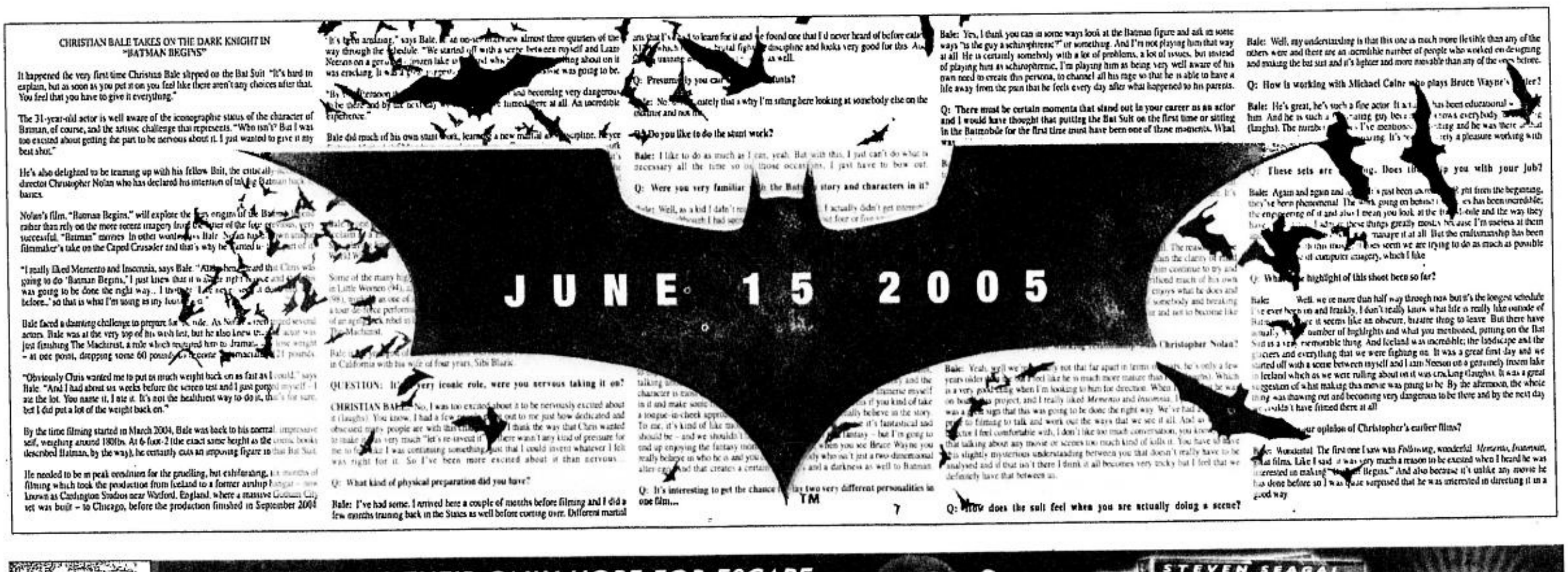
Father and son live apart, but Jomari sees Andre about once or twice a week. "That's not enough for me," the actor said. "I long to see him [when] I wake up in the morning and before I go to sleep at night. I want to do everything with Andre."

Jomari has admitted that he's dating Thea Froekjaer, Miss Denmark 2004, but denied thinking of marriage.

"That's a long way off," he said. "I'm just testing the waters. Right now, we're very good friends. I haven't seen her lately because I've been busy taping for 'Kampanerang Kuba.' [Besides] I'm not ready for commitment. All I want to be right now is Andre's dad."






CHRISTIAN BALE TAKES ON THE DARK KNIGHT IN "BATMAN BEGINS"

It happened the very first time Christian Bale slipped on the Bat Suit. "It's hard to explain, but as soon as you put it on you feel like there aren't any choices after that. You feel that you have to give it everything."

The 31-year-old actor is well aware of the iconographic status of the character of Batman, of course, and the artistic challenge that represents. "Who isn't? But I was too excited about getting the part to be nervous about it. I just wanted to give it my best shot."

He's also delighted to be teaming up with his fellow Bait, the critically [illegible] director Christopher Nolan who has declared his intention of taking Batman back [illegible] banes.

Nolan's film, "Batman Begins," will explore the [illegible] origins of the Batman [illegible] rather than rely on the more recent imagery from the [illegible] of the four previous, very successful, "Batman" movies. In other words, [illegible] Nolan has [illegible] filmmaker's take on the Caped Crusader and that's why he wanted to [illegible]

"I really liked Memento and Insomnia, says Bale. "Although [illegible] the Chris was going to do 'Batman Begins,' I just knew that it [illegible] was going to be done the right way... I thought [illegible] before..' so that is what I'm going as my [illegible]."

Bale faced a daunting challenge to prepare for the role. As Nolan [illegible] several actors. Bale was at the very top of his wish list, but he also knew [illegible] actor was just finishing The Machinist, a role which required him to [illegible] weight – at one point, dropping some 60 pounds to become [illegible] 121 pounds.

"Obviously Chris wanted me to put as much weight back on as fast as I could," says Bale. "And I had about six weeks before the screen test and I just gorged myself – I ate the lot. You name it, I ate it. It's not the healthiest way to do it, that's for sure, but I did put a lot of the weight back on."

By the time filming started in March 2004, Bale was back to his normal, impressive self, weighing around 180lbs. At 6-foot-2 (the exact same height as the comic books described Batman, by the way), he certainly cuts an imposing figure in the Bat Suit.

He needed to be in peak condition for the gruelling, but exhilarating, [illegible] months of filming which took the production from Iceland to a former airship hangar – now known as Cardington Studios near Watford, England, where a massive Gotham City set was built – to Chicago, before the production finished in September 2004.

"It's been amazing," says Bale, [illegible] an on-set interview almost three quarters of the [illegible] way through the schedule. "We started off with a scene between myself and Liam Neeson on a geriatric [illegible] lake in Iceland which [illegible] was cracking. It was a great [illegible] was going to be.

"By the afternoon [illegible] and becoming very dangerous [illegible] be there and by the next day [illegible] there at all. An incredible experience."

Bale did much of his own stunt work, learning a new martial art discipline. He've [illegible] arts that I'd [illegible] to learn for it and he found one that I'd never heard of before called [illegible] discipline and looks very good for this. [illegible] training [illegible] as well.

Q: Presumably you can't [illegible] stunts?

Bale: No [illegible] that's why I'm sitting here looking at somebody else on the [illegible] and not me.

Q: Do you like to do the stunt work?

Bale: I like to do as much as I can, yeah. But with this, I just can't do what is necessary all the time so on those occasions, I just have to bow out.

Q: Were you very familiar [illegible] the Batman story and characters in it?

Bale: Well, as a kid I didn't [illegible] I actually didn't get interested [illegible] about four or five [illegible]

Bale: Yes, I think you can in some ways look at the Batman figure and ask in some ways "is the guy a schizophrenic?" or something. And I'm not playing him that way at all. He is certainly somebody with a lot of problems, a lot of issues, but instead of playing him as schizophrenic, I'm playing him as being very well aware of his own need to create this persona, to channel all his rage so that he is able to have a life away from the pain that he feels every day after what happened to his parents.

Q: There must be certain moments that stand out in your career as an actor and I would have thought that putting the Bat Suit on the first time or sitting in the Batmobile for the first time must have been one of those moments. What was [illegible]

Bale: Well, my understanding is that this one is much more flexible than any of the others were and there are an incredible number of people who worked on designing and making the bat suit and it's lighter and more movable than any of the ones before.

Q: How is working with Michael Caine who plays Bruce Wayne's [illegible]?

Bale: He's great, he's such a fine actor. It was [illegible] has been educational [illegible] him. And he is such a [illegible] guy. He's [illegible] was everybody [illegible] (laughs). The number [illegible] I've mentioned [illegible] and he was there [illegible] It's [illegible] a pleasure working with [illegible]

Q: These sets are [illegible] Does the [illegible] you with your job?

Bale: Again and again and [illegible] just been [illegible] from the beginning, they've been phenomenal. The work going on behind [illegible] has been incredible, the engineering of it and also I mean you look at the [illegible] and the way they have [illegible] these things greatly motivates me because I'm useless at them [illegible] manage it at all. But the craftsmanship has been [illegible] seem we are trying to do as much as possible [illegible] of computer imagery, which I like.

Q: What [illegible] highlight of this shoot been so far?

Bale: Well, we're more than half way through now but it's the longest schedule I've ever been on and frankly, I don't really know what life is really like outside of [illegible] it seems like an obscure, bizarre thing to leave. But there have actually [illegible] number of highlights and what you mentioned, putting on the Bat Suit is a very memorable thing. And Iceland was incredible; the landscape and the glaciers and everything that we were fighting on. It was a great first day and we started off with a scene between myself and Liam Neeson on a geriatric frozen lake in Iceland which as we were rolling about on it was cracking (laughs). It was a great suggestion of what making this movie was going to be. By the afternoon the whole thing was showing out and becoming very dangerous to be there and by the next day [illegible] couldn't have filmed there at all.

Q: [illegible] your opinion of Christopher's earlier films?

Bale: Wonderful. The first one I saw was *Following*, wonderful. *Memento*, *Insomnia*, [illegible] films. Like I said, it was very much a reason to be excited when I heard he was interested in making "Batman Begins." And also because it's unlike any movie he has done before so I was quite surprised that he was interested in directing it in a good way.

Q: [illegible] Christopher Nolan?

Bale: Yeah, well we're [illegible] not that far apart in terms of [illegible] he's only a few years older [illegible] feel like he is much more mature than [illegible] is a very good thing when I'm looking to him for direction. When [illegible] on board [illegible] project, and I really liked *Memento* and *Insomnia*. [illegible] was a great sign that this was going to be done the right way. We've had [illegible] prepared to talking and work out the ways that we see it all. And as [illegible] that I feel comfortable with, I don't like too much conversation, you know [illegible] that talking about any movie or scenes too much kind of kills it. You have to have [illegible] this slightly mysterious understanding between you that doesn't really have to be analysed and if that isn't there I think it all becomes very tricky but I feel that we definitely have that between us.

Q: How does the suit feel when you are actually doing a scene?

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Zubiri, Tan set nuptials

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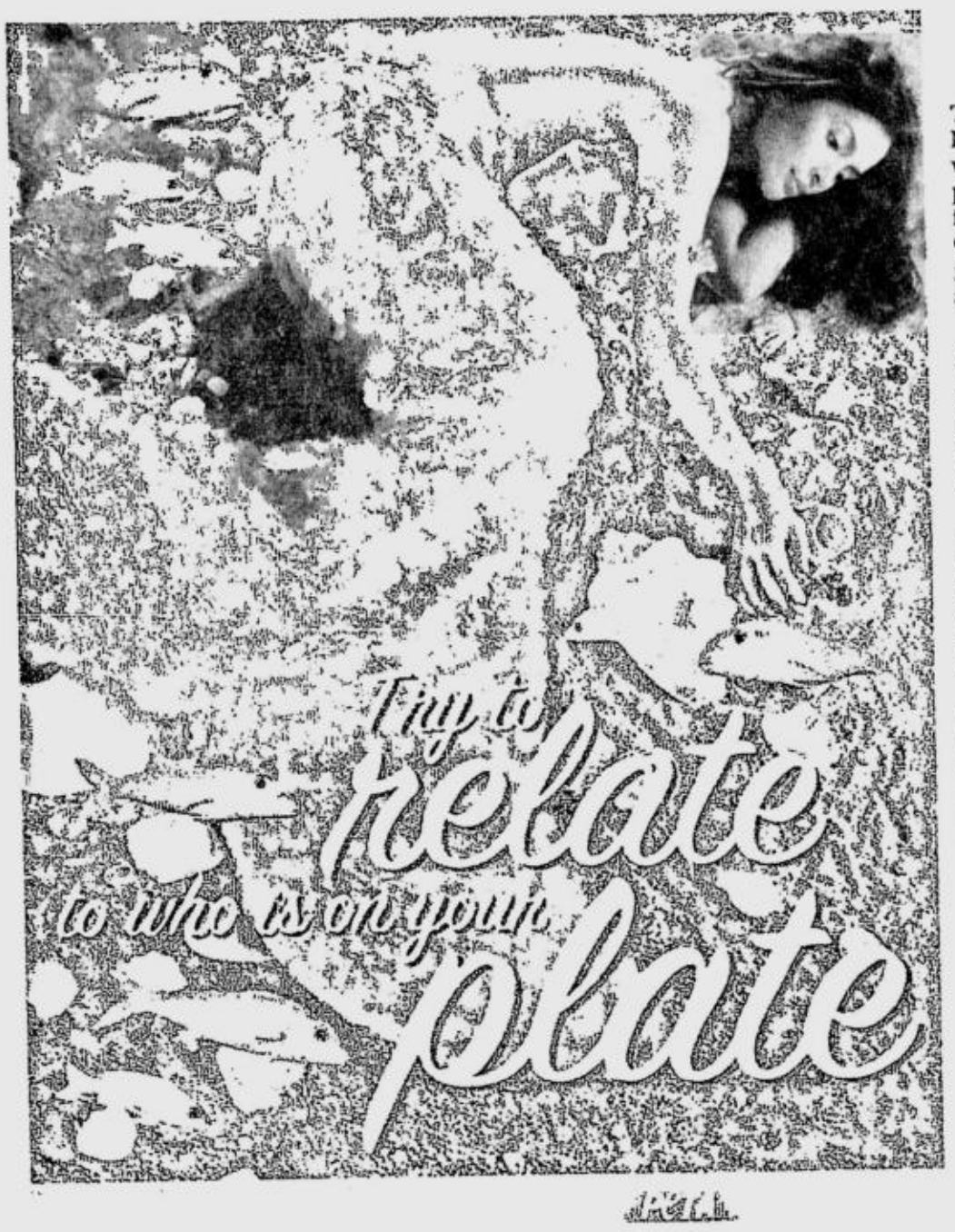
Zubiri, 36, said he and Tan, 22, were preparing for about 50,000 guests for the Bukidnon civil wedding and for 1,000 for the Tans have not been finalized either.

Zubiri, a third term representative of Bukidnon's third district of Bukidnon, used to date Cebuana actress-singer Vina Morales.

He said that episode in his life was "not worth" talking about. "*Magulo ang* show biz," he said.

Tan is a video jockey of Studio 23, where Zubiri also hosts a tourism-oriented weekly program, "Team Explorer."



SHE LOVES SEA CREATURES

But not as food, obviously. Actress-model Chin Chin Gutierrez has posed as a mermaid for the latest pro-vegetarianism campaign of the People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (Peta). Her costume is by renowned Indian designer Ashley Rebello, and the ad was shot by Italian pro Giampiero Gastaldi. Chin Chin, a vegetarian, whose work for the environment has won her worldwide admiration, is urging people to leave fish in the sea where they belong. Peta says studies have shown that fish are intelligent animals with impressive long-term memories who watch and learn, use tools and form sophisticated social structures.

High on Holmes

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TOM Cruise was very happy with **Nicole Kidman** before he suddenly, wrenchingly divorced her. He appeared to enjoy himself a lot with follow-up girlfriend **Penelope Cruz.** But he seems to be absolutely, giddily ecstatic with his new squeeze, **Katie Holmes.**

In fact, the way Cruise has been carrying on guest appearances on TV shows like "The Oprah Winfrey Show," he's got some media observers worried. He's so high on Holmes that he's about to levitate, or at least jump for unbridled joy.

That, incidentally, is exactly what he did on Oprah's show, where he astounded the program host when he suddenly jumped up on the sofa to show her just how happy he was to have Katie in his life.

The fact that Cruise is over 40 years old and hasn't been in the habit of jumping around like an adolescent makes his recent actuations surprising to some people—and even weird in the view of others. Has the man gone bonkers?

This concern is compounded by the fact that Katie is practically half his age. Sure, "May-October" relationships are the rage in Hollywood these days (the **Demi Moore-Ashton Kutcher** affair instantly comes to mind), but Cruise is a top film draw, so the public reaction to his latest fling is much more intense—and alarmed.

To make things more mystifying, Cruise wasn't exactly thrilled that his wife, Nicole Kidman, was taller than he was—but history repeats itself now, because Katie also towers over him.

He must be so smitten with her that it's now OK with him that he doesn't exactly see eye-to-eye with his latest love.

Why is Cruise again playing it younger and taller? Is he after the bracing burst of brio that a youthful romantic partner can give?

That's his and her business, of course, and we wish that everything turns out well for both of them.

However, more cynical observers point out that both Cruise and Holmes have new movies coming out soon, and they hint that all this flurry of surprising romantic protestations and activity could be linked to those career events.

Well, that downbeat view will be either confirmed or debunked after those two films, "War of the Worlds" and "Batman Begins," are shown.

If the Cruise-Holmes affair continues even after, it's the real thing.

If not—well, it won't be the first time that stars have used their private lives to generate greater hype for their upcoming projects.

Jaya's music video

IN JAYA's music video for "Di Na Ba Kita Mapipigilan" the carrier single of her latest album, "Fall In Love Again," her boyfriend is played by **Paolo Bediones.**

He's about to leave her to work abroad, she tries to give him a reason to stay, and steamy scenes ensue.

Other cuts in the album include "Ako'y Sa 'Yo" (by **Ogie Alcasid**), "Kung Ako'y Iiwan Mo" (**George Canseco**), "Stay True" (**Barbie Dumlao**), "Sa Duyan ng Pag-Ibig (Willy Cruz) and "Pagkukunwari" (**Vehnee Saturno**).

Jaya's SM mall tour to promote the album takes her to Bacoor today, and Megamall on June 12.

On Animax

AT 9 p.m. on June 11, Animax channel presents the Asian premiere of "Tokyo Godfathers," a humorous yet heartwarming tale of hope and home. The blockbuster anime is about a motley trio who stumble upon a baby. In their quest to return the foundling, the three homeless character confront their past and learn to face the future.

On June 12, the featured anime is "Nasu: Summer in Andalusia," the first Japanese animation film to be selected for screening at the Cannes Film Festival. Kosaka Kitano's film is about the Spanish cyclist, Pepe, as he competes in a cycling tour that takes him to his hometown, where Pepe's former girlfriend is about to get married to his brother. Pepe decides that now is the time to control his own destiny.

June 12 concert

THE MANILA Philharmonic Orchestra observes Independence Day on June 12 with a special concert at Philamlife Theater. Guest artists are pianist **Oliver Salonga** (Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 2) and cellist.

Victor Michael Coo (Dvorak's Cello Concerto), under the baton of **Rodel Colmenar.** The MPO will also perform **Redentor Romero's** "Philippine Sketches" and Lucio San Pedro's "Buwan sa Kabundukan."

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Movies on TV

ON HBO, today at 4:35 p.m., "Biloxi Blues." 11:15 p.m., Live from Baghdad."

On Cinemax, June 5 at 9 a.m., "Little Women," 7 p.m., "The Sum of All Fears."

Danita Paner's girlish vogue

Text, Styling and Direction by Larry Leviste
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JOINING the hordes of teenagers invading show biz is Danita Paner, 16, second daughter of screen legend Daisy Romualdez and former ace cager Manny Paner ... and younger sister of singer Tina Paner.

"I want to carve my own name in show biz," the young *chinita* told INQUIRER Entertainment. "Sure, it helps to come from a famous family but it also creates pressure for me to succeed."

The feisty and independent Danita started acting in the movies at age 11, taking on roles in "Pedro Penduko," "To Saudi with Love" and "The Jesica Alfaro Story." Danita credits former Sampaquita star mom Daisy as the "stagemother" who started her career early in life.

"My fashion credo is comfort first before style. That's why I'm really into the '70s look—reto T-shirts and bell bottom pants. My favorite colors are hot pink and yellow. I love Top Shop and Mango stores," said Danita.

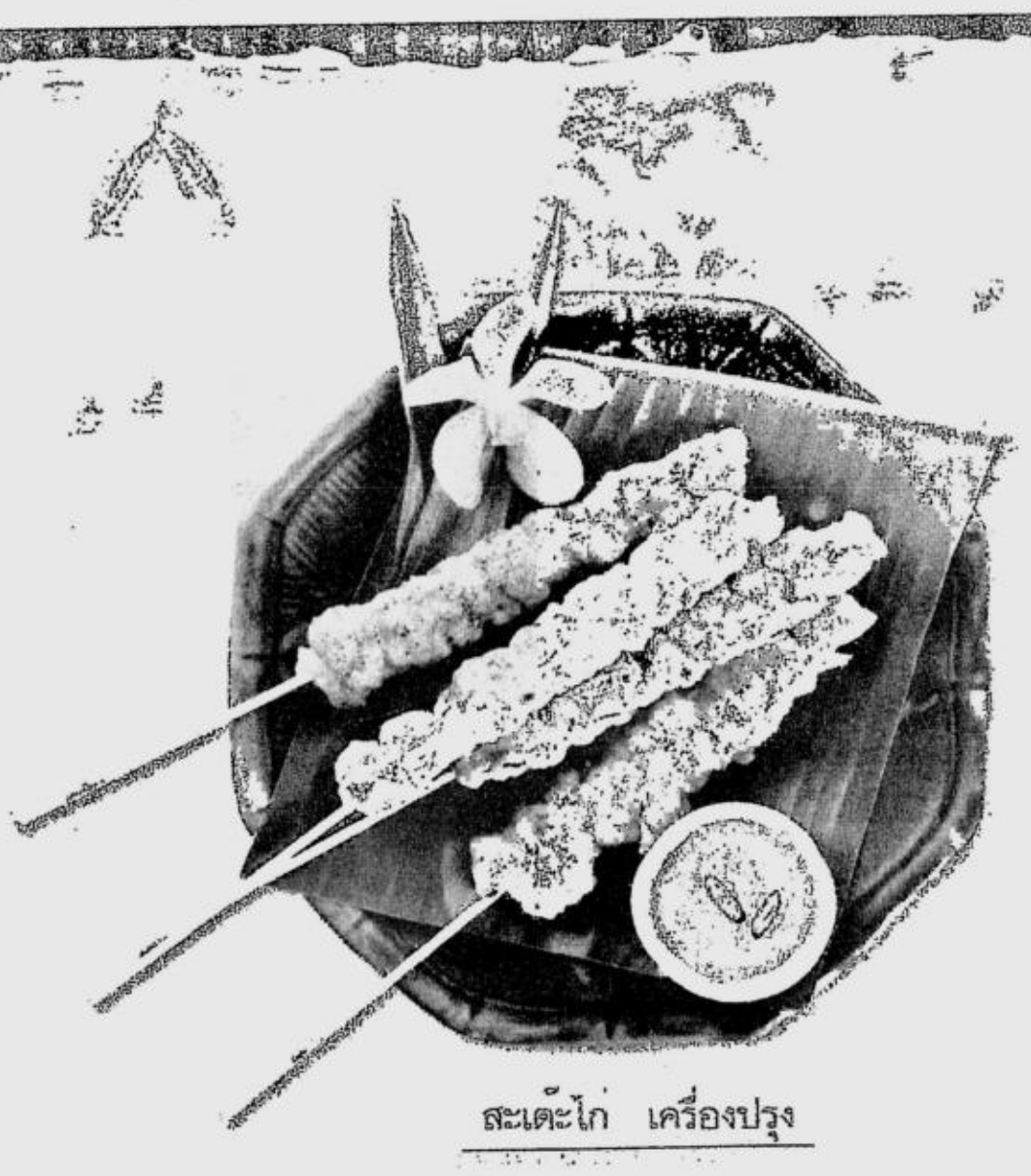
She has never dated, she said. "I'm in bed at 11 p.m. I do enjoy long telephone sessions with my *barkada*."

KC de Venecia was one of her best friends. "I miss her terribly," said Danita.

Despite her youth, the aspiring singer is very focused. "I have weekly voice lessons with Annie Quintos of Company Y. I am learning enunciation, projection and interpretation," reported Danita.

She is currently cutting a CD for a yearend release. She just finished recording two songs by hitmaker and composer Vehnee Saturno.

For this INQUIRER exclusive, Danita's first fashion pictorial for a broadsheet, she wears her own wardrobe, hair and make-up with true girlish vogue.



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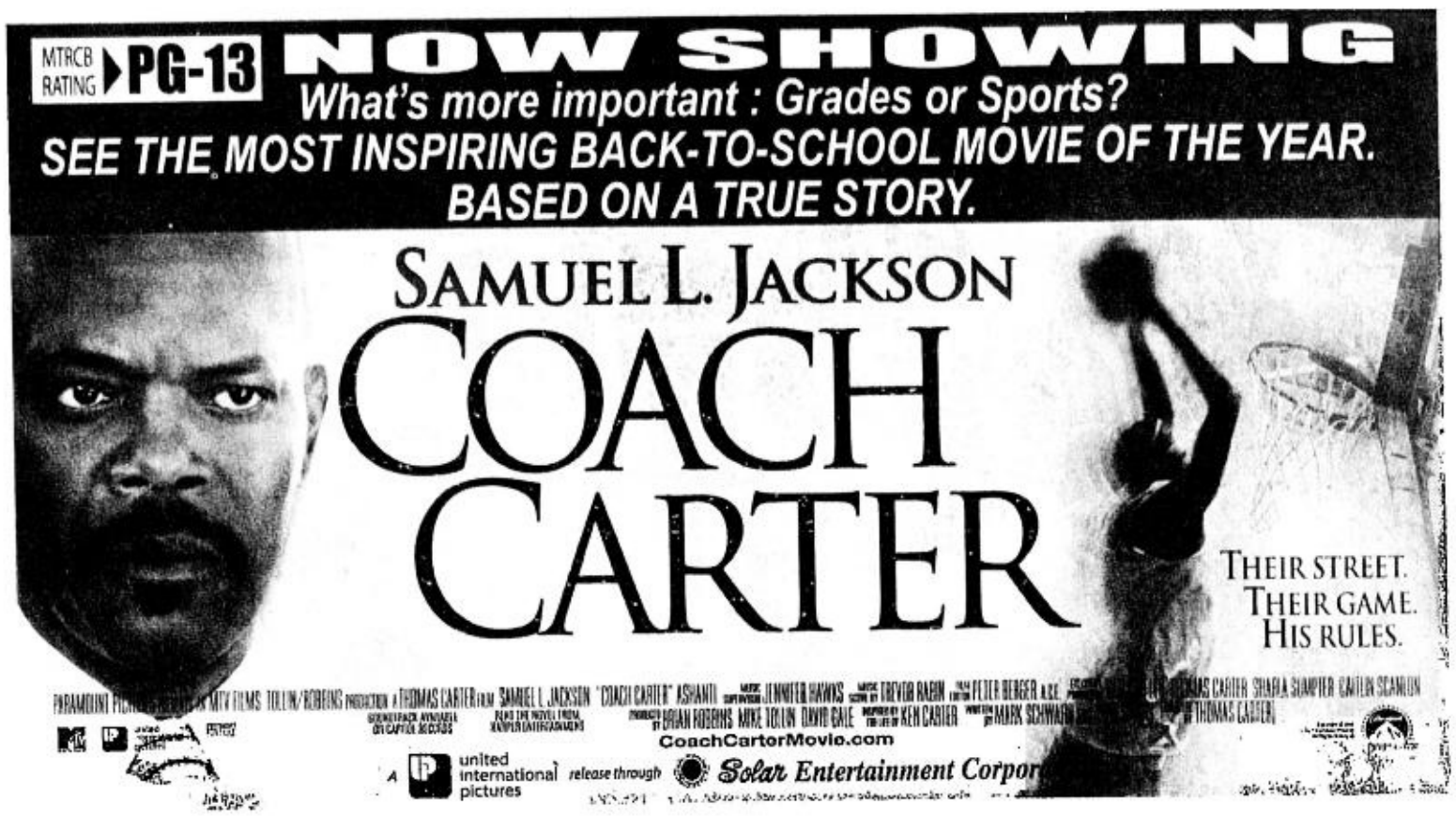

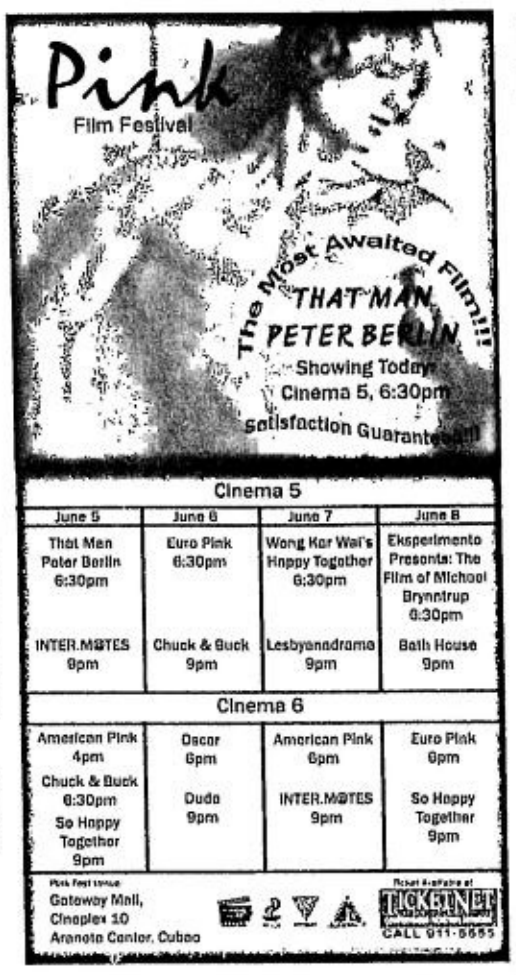

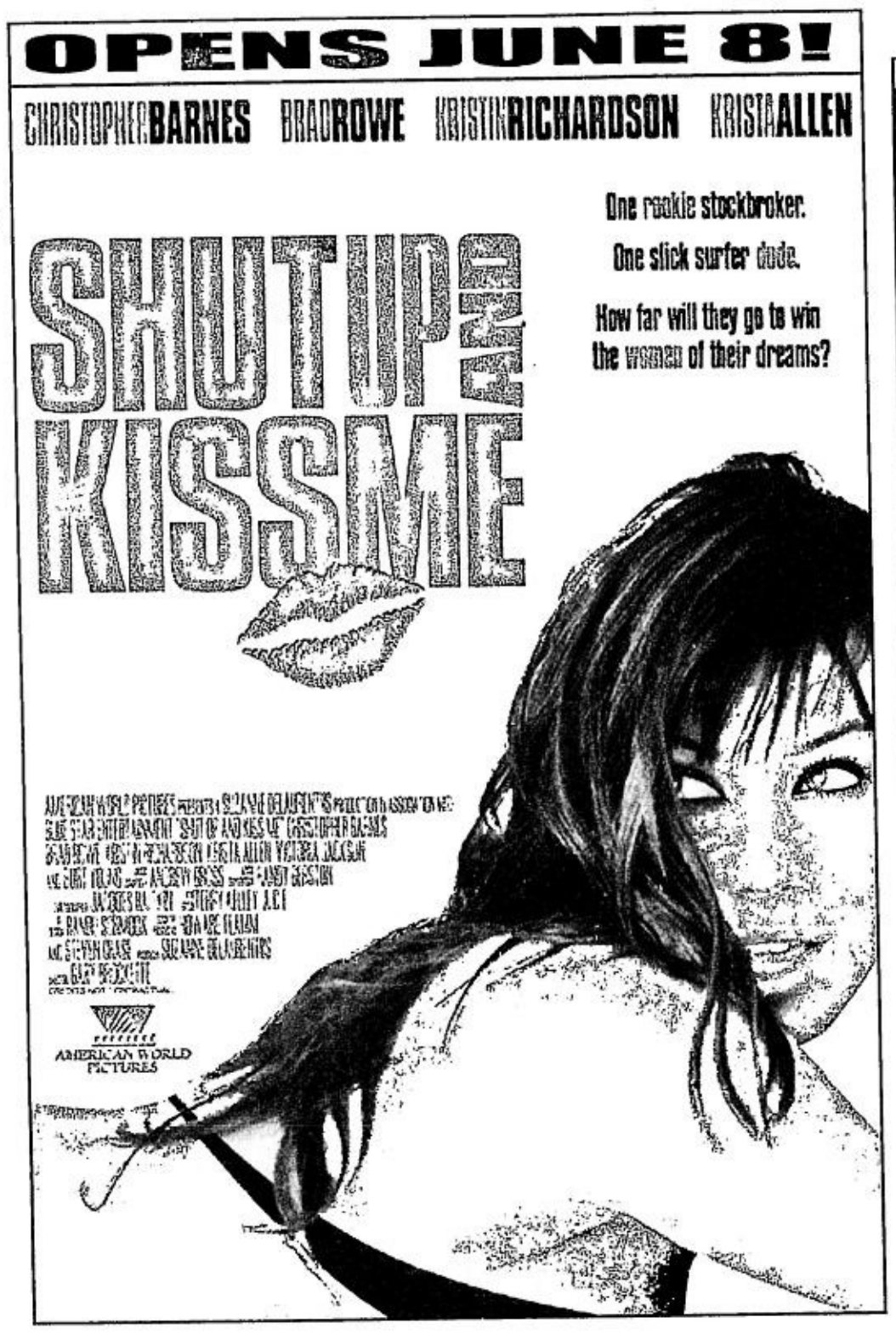

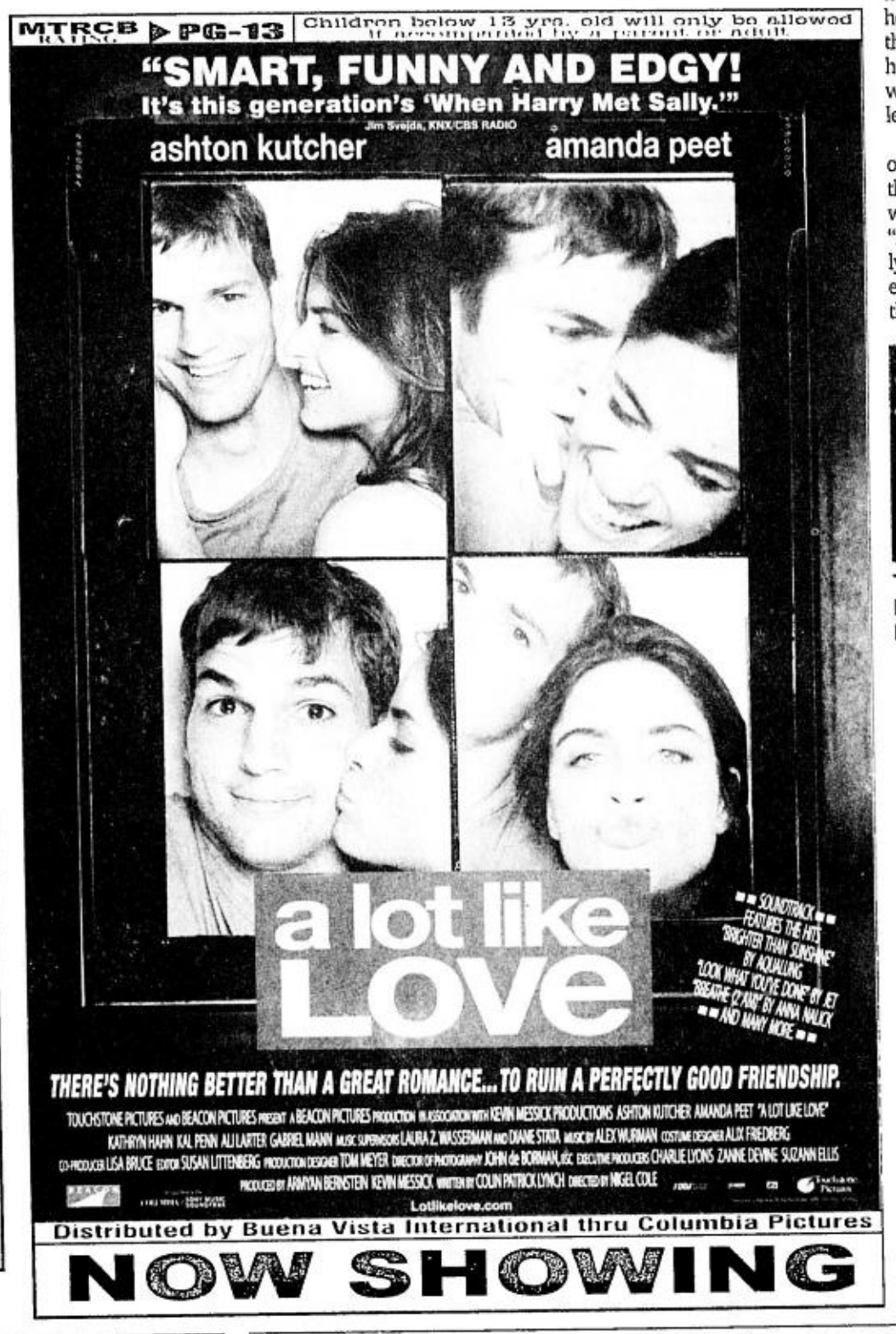

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TO CONTINUE with our hectic week narrative:

On Wednesday, we were back at the Kodak Theatre for the "Idol" final results show. No finals pair has matched the excitement of the **Ruben Studdard-Clay Aiken** finals dueling two years ago. But what made this finale memorable was the number where finalists sang one memorable song after another with special guests like **George Benson, Babyface, Kenny G** and **Bill** fireworks and the millions from the ceiling in the end worth watching at the Kodak

As we chowed down **Wol** after-party, we spotted a girl was **Jasmine Trias**, of cour though she rooted for Bo, it because the latter did her **Rudy**, who was all dressed mine went on to say that she her fellow finalists from last the show as a relaxed spectat her new album containing writers, including **Diane W** leased in Manila by Universal

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Grenier, Debi Mazar, en, Jerry Ferrera and

JASMINE and judge Simon Cowell at the last "American Idol" finale
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fore it was time to go.

When the flash bulbs down below became less frequent, we went down and crossed over to the El Capitan. "Entourage" is a witty, savage Hollywood satire with plenty of jokes that the audience of Hollywood insiders lapped up but how well does it play in Kansas, I wondered.

After sitting down to watch two episodes of the series which some have likened to "Sex and the City," only this time the principals are men and the city is Hollywood, I got enough rest to summon some energy to walk and follow the red carpet to the nearby Roosevelt Hotel. If I was sleepwalking earlier, this sight woke me up: HBO transformed the entire courtyard surrounding the pool and the cabana rooms into the quintessential Hollywood party. A plexiglass bridge materialized over the famous pool with David Hockney-painted floor.

All of the poolside cabana rooms were rented for the party, with each room offering treats and services that a star and his entourage would enjoy: tattoos, psychics, manicure (it was quite a sight—men and women having their nails done at the height of the party) and more.

Matt Damon looked lost at his own party (he is the producer of "Entourage") while a certain female tennis player with acting ambitions looked like a transvestite. She looked hot when I met her at a party in Bahamas but this time, she looked like a dark, muscled version of Facifica Falayfay.

Thursday evening, I managed to drag the missus and myself to the screening of **Jean Renoir**'s newly restored film, "The River." Our group, as part of its mission to help film-related causes, donates money to The Film Foundation to restore important movies. "The River," the first film to be shot in color in India, is the latest result of this restoration undertaking.

In Style magazine hosted the cocktails before the screening at the Academy's Mary Pickford Center. This 1951 movie directed by the son of the great impressionist **Auguste Renoir** is back in all its Technicolor glory. But despite the sumptuous cinematic feast unspooling before my eyes, I must be so tired that I struggled to stay awake. The missus did a good job of elbowing me to bring me back to this earth.

Friday night, I couldn't turn down a colleague who invited us for a barbecue party at her home.

On Saturday, I slept almost the whole day and, after eating mostly continental cuisine all week, I had the most delicious dream—I was eating Calasiao *puto* dipped in *dinuguan*. Of course, the dream was in glorious, cinematic Technicolor.

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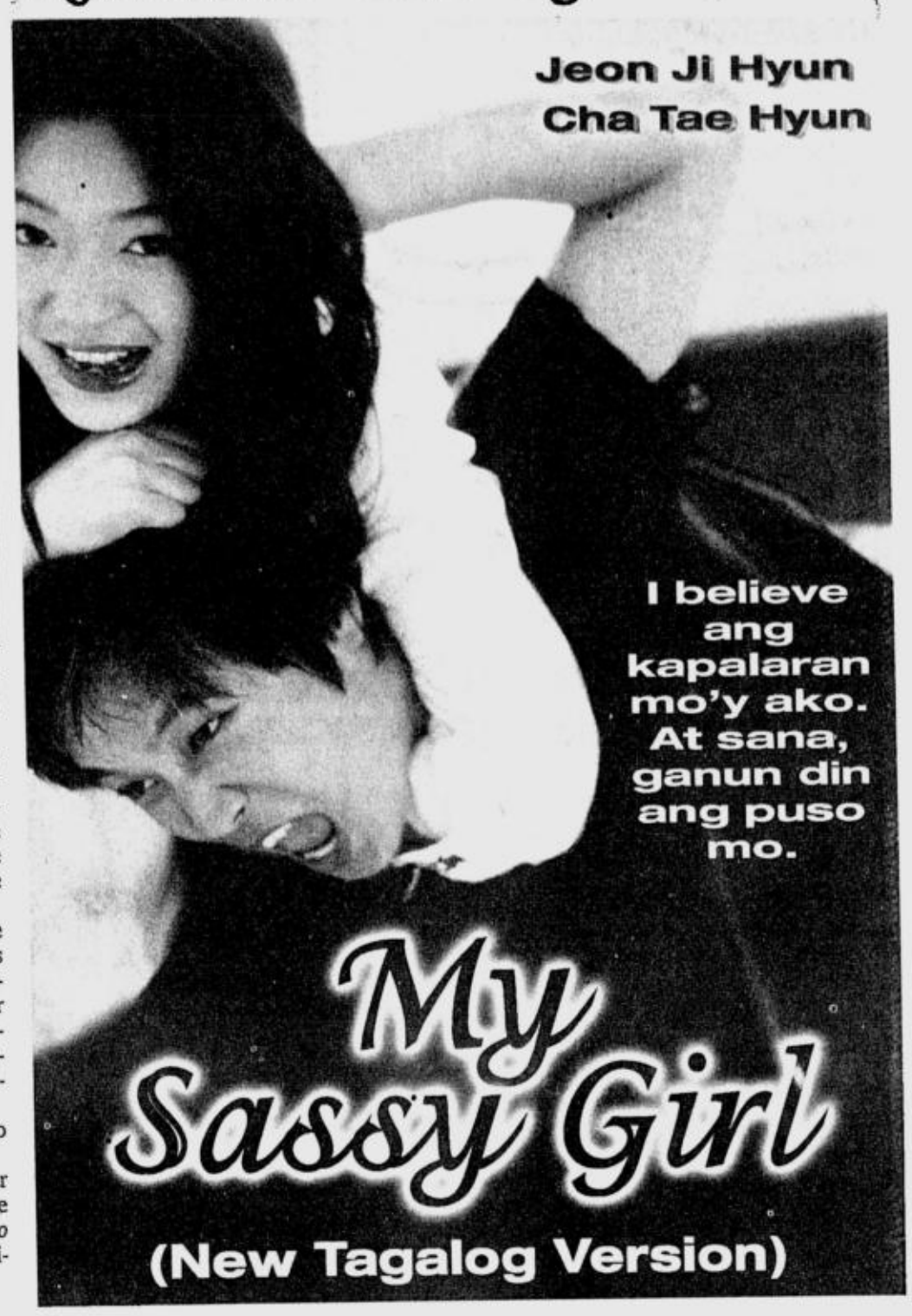

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egend's reputation elevated with his colorative work on "The ege Dropout," Kanye t's Grammy-winning album. West, one of most brilliant conporary black artists in United States, immeely signed Legend to own record label.

n "Get Lifted," Leg- 's debut album which co-produced with t, the marriage of sic soul and raped rhythms successy transcends the nd and fury that has me the norm in to- 's R&B/hip-hop mu-

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le's only 25, yet Leg- has acquired a htened sensitivity fluid expression 's hard to resist. For he doesn't go for round lyrics. In fact, e of the interconnectracks on "Get Lifted" simply peppered with s about "feeling and ing high" on —sentiments that ld fall flat in the ds of less gifted sts.

ut with Legend, an nary song about roce becomes special use it sounds real. joy and sadness in Legend's heart is palpable in the spontaneity of his phrasing. And even if it's pure imagination, you're willing to suspend disbelief because Legend is such an affecting vocalist.

He doesn't do it for show, though. Like a good actor, Legend gets into the "role" much like the way Robert de Niro or Johnny Depp flesh out their screen characters.

The 14-track "Get Lifted" CD contains songs in which Legend's persona woos and wins the object of his affections. In some cuts he philanders and repents, pleading and insisting he can change his ways.

Contemplative

There are contemplative moments, like in "Ordinary People," a ballad that captures the fears and uncertainties of simple folks who have nothing to rely on but their pledge to live life together. Another is the gospel-inspired "It Don't Have To Change," which features Legend and family members reminiscing the past and looking to the future with values intact.

Overall, this album is a celebration of life that has seen the heights of blissful love and affection, as well as the depths of despair and dejection. In between such scenes are pivotal ruminations on the human condition.

It seems Legend works best in collaboration with West, who shares writing credits in at least four songs. The latter even gets to rap in one track, as well as Snoop Dogg who's featured as the smooth-talking but repentant philanderer.

I wonder why Legend decided to adapt that moniker, because his real name is John Stephens. Is it due to a desire to stand out and become larger than life? Then again, maybe he just wanted a name people could easily recall.

With such a good album as "Get Lifted," being remembered should be the least of his worries.

JOHN Legend: Sensitive, fluid style

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Barbara, full of grace

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In spite of La Amalia's fiery image, the roomies got along beautifully. Truth is, they've remained pals until now.

Perez has nothing but fond memories of her Sampaguita days. "We were all like childhood friends. And the approach of Dr. Perez and Mrs. [Azucena] Vera-Perez was very personal," she says. "We were like family. Until now, I consider Mrs. Perez, my second mother. Whenever I was free from work, I would go with her to Baguio, where she'd always try to lose weight, and I'd try to gain some."

No regrets

Her Sampaguita training nearly led to a Hollywood crossover.

In 1962, producers from Universal Pictures visited Sampaguita, scanned the rushes of Filipina stars and chose Perez to co-star with Jeffrey Hunter in the war drama "No Man Is an Island." The Universal execs were so impressed with the local Audrey that they offered her a five-year contract.

Alas, Barbara got cold feet. She was also carrying her first child at the time, so she picked marriage with Arevalo over international stardom.

But she has no regrets whatsoever, even as she remembers the happy times in Hollywood. "I was starstruck," she admits. "The only reason I flew out there was to see the stars."

On her first day in La-La Land, she was ushered into the makeup room, where she sat beside singing sweetheart Sandra Dee.

Wow!

Later, she saw for herself the stars' trailers and noticed that one door had the name Cary Grant. "I told myself: 'Wow! How I wish I could meet him!'"

That same day, she had lunch at the commissary. Barbara, wearing a big picture hat and a peasant dress, suddenly heard a voice from behind her, asking, "Can I join you?"

Today, 43 years later, she is still giddy over the incident. "I looked up, and it was Cary Grant! He was dashing. I still remember that he wore a light-gray suit and a yellow undershirt."

If she's so particular about details, it's because Barbara was a Journalism junior at the University of Santo Tomas when show biz beckoned.

For fun

"For fun, my classmates and I decided to have our pictures taken, just like the movie stars, at the Tropicana Studio in Malabon," she says. Somehow her photo landed on the cover of the vernacular magazine Banawag, and spotted by Luis Gonzales, Gloria Romero's leading man.

Not long after, she signed with Sampaguita and topbilled a series of hits, including "Chabacano" and

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Barbara . . .

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"Pampagueña," with Gonzales, Dolphy, and Rogelio de la Rosa.

"In my first movie, I was like a typewriter," Barbara jests. "I memorized my lines well, but I delivered them with no emotion!"

In her second outing, she shared the screen again with De la Rosa, then king of local movies.

"We used to call him Mr. Relaxed," she says. Onscreen, De la Rosa was always impeccably dressed in three-piece suits, she remembers. "But behind the camera, he would unbutton his pants and sit in front of the electric fan."

When she was younger, she chortles, she wanted to be just like the comic book journalist-heroine Brenda Starr. "It seemed to me a reporter's life was exciting," she says.

But, again, no regrets there. The world of show has given her just as much excitement and fulfillment. "Now, when I go to the mall with my grandchildren, grown men in suits would greet me, 'Good morning, ma'am.' I feel proud because [to me] that signifies respect."

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Barbara, full of grace

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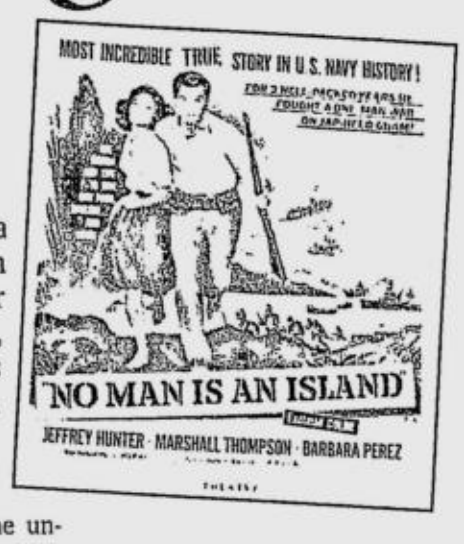
ON HER wedding day

Still exuding cool elegance after all these years, she admits she is a tad embarrassed by her old title, 'Audrey Hepburn of the Philippines'

IN "PAMPANGUEÑA" with Dolphy and Rogelio de la Rosa



BEFORE Donita Rose was even considered for the unofficial title, Barbara Perez was the "Audrey Hepburn of the Philippines."

When, in 1955, she made her movie debut in "Chabacano," everyone noticed the uncanny resemblance—doe eyes, pixie face, swan-like neck and 19-inch waistline! More than any of these, however, Perez possessed the same effortless élan that the Hollywood icon had exuded.

Just as Audrey-like is Perez's reaction to the comparison: "Of course, until now, I feel flattered. But I also feel a bit embarrassed. I feel so small compared to such a legend!"

She concedes that much of the credit should go to Sampaguita Pictures, her old studio, which made sure that its stable of stars were all well-instructed and polished in social graces.

"SAMPAGUITA stars were instructed in poise and social graces"

"The late Dr. Jose Perez always made us join fashion shows," she recalls. "He told us it was good training for carriage and grace. That was why, come awards time, Sampaguita stars always stood out in their gowns."

"Doc" Perez was very strict, indeed. "Marlene Dauden and I were always partying with her brothers who were from La Salle," Barbara recounts. Soon enough, they were called to the producer's office.

"Dr. Perez gave us a lecture on how stars should limit their public appearances," she says. "To maintain silver-screen mystique, he explained to us."

Rules on attendance and punctuality were stringent as well, Barbara adds. "The fine for latecomers was P50 then. That was big at the time—maybe equivalent to P500 now. I was never fined. Gloria Romero, Susan Roces, and I were always on time!"

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The studio stars had dormitories within the Sampaguita compound where they could rest between takes.

"My roommate was Amalia Fuentes," Barbara says with a smile. "We had room-decorating contests. We won once. But I did all the work, not Amalia!"

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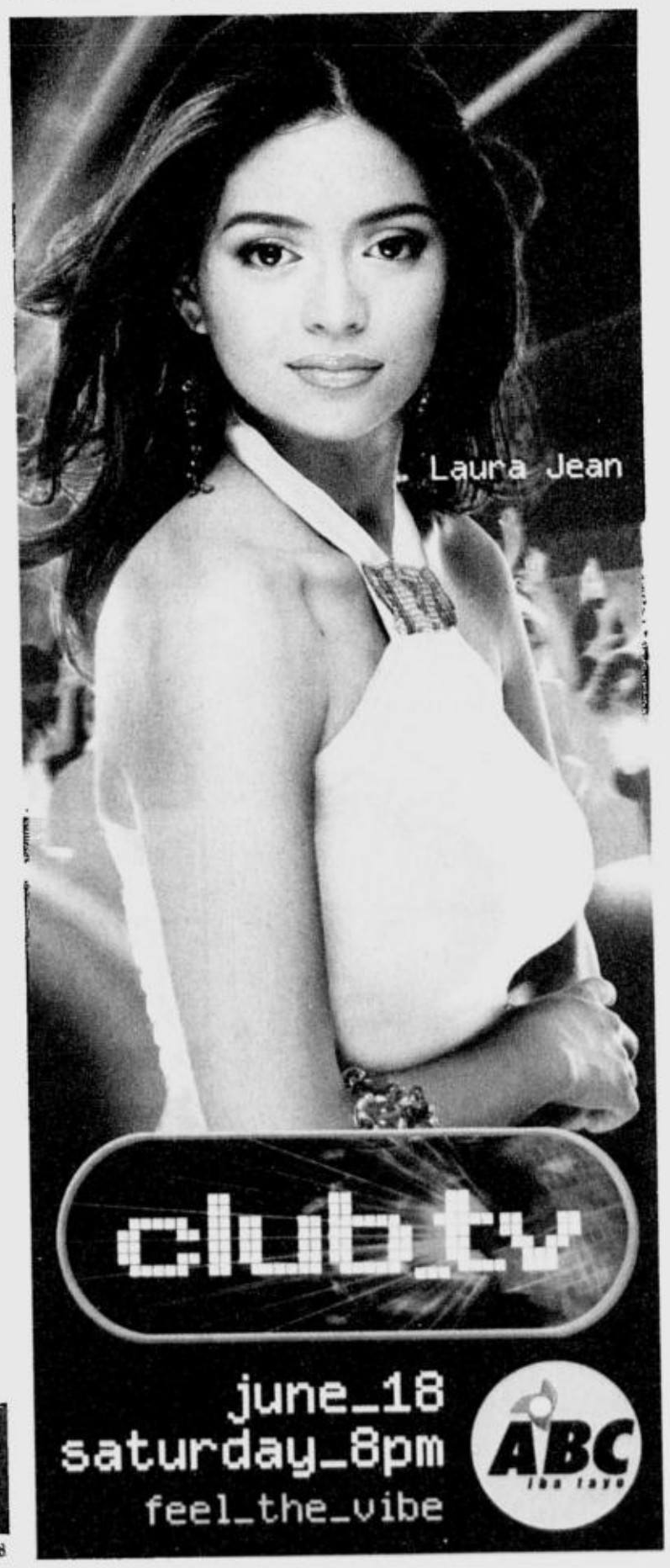

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Sunday BIZ

Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

JUSTO'S wife, Nelia, bought the first PestCon spray

Three generations of controlling pests

DIDI Gonzalez wants 'co-partners' for PestCon

JUSTO Gonzalez (left) taking pest control training in England in 1955

By Myrna Rodriguez-Co
Contributor, UP Institute for Small-Scale Industries

THIS is the story of three generations of enterprising men who pioneered in pest control in the country, reshaped it into a total management field, and is now using it to help aspiring entrepreneurs set up their own business.

Justo the Patriarch

All Professor Justo Gonzalez wanted to be was to be a good teacher. He taught agronomy at the University of the Philippines in Los Baños. Later, he started the department of entomology at the former Institute of Agriculture, now the Araneta University.

But fate had other plans for him. "Yes, fate," he says laughing, "with a little human intervention." He meant the prodding and the inspiration of his wife.

Professor Gonzalez' wife is Nelia Gonzalez now a top executive of the Tan Yu Group of companies, one of the first Filipino women to make it to the top of the corporate world.

In 1955, Professor Gonzalez took a six month pest management course in the United Kingdom under the Colombo Plan, where he had a practicum at the Rentokil, at that time the only multinational pest control company doing business in the Philippines.

When he came back, even as he ploughed back what he learned in the classrooms, Nelia encouraged him to start training service technicians on the effective use of pesticides for homes, offices and industrial plants.

Thus did Pestcon Pest Management and General Services Corp. began. A pioneer in the industry, it will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year.

It was a one-man, one sprayer business then. "I bought the sprayer," Nelia quips. Later, two assistants were hired to service the slowly growing clientele.

In the '60s, the company's first big break came. It was able to penetrate the US embassy staff, who wanted to have their homes treated. By the '70s, it was fielding 20 technicians, mostly to a residential customer base.

Didi, the Innovator

In more ways that one, Alfredo "Didi" Gonzalez, third son and fourth of six children of Justo and Nelia, followed his father's footsteps.

He allowed himself to be talked out of taking his preferred course, economics, and enrolled in agriculture at the University of the Philippines, Los Baños, "in order to please Dad."

After graduation, he also went to the United Kingdom, to study stored product entomology at the Tropical Products Institute. This meant that he studied insects that attack grains, flour, tobacco, furniture and others.

When Didi joined Pestcon in 1979 full time, he ushered in a period of innovation and growth.

Didi had to climb up the ranks, starting as an ordinary technician, then trying his hand at estimating, pricing and negotiation. It took seven years before he made it as CEO and general manager.

Under his leadership, the company's thrust was not so much pest control as pest management. He also laid in place modern management systems that 'kept the organization lean but maximized the services."

Pest control connotes use of pesticides. On the other hand, pest management refers to the use of a wholistic approach, including sanitation, good housekeeping, good management prac-

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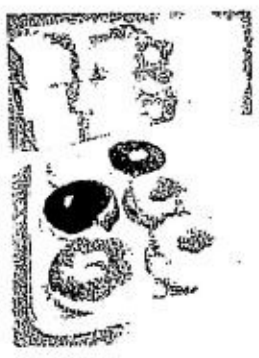

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1,500 families earn through rattan craft

CABANATUAN CITY—At least 1,500 farm families and agricultural workers in four towns and one city in Nueva Ecija have found a steady source of income from their contracts on woven rattan crafts.

The workers, according to Brigida Pili, provincial director of the Department of Trade and Industry in Nueva Ecija, have been recruited by four trade groups which have weaving services contracts with a furniture firm in Clark Field in Pampanga.

She said many of the farm families earn at least P3,000 a week for the woven crafts they turn over to sub-contractors every week.

The woven rattan craft works are farmed out through sub-contractors by the Golden Cane Furniture Development Corp., which exports chairs, stools, newspaper racks and candle holders.

The products' frames, along with the split rattans, are distributed to the workers and are retrieved later by the sub-contractors after the weaving jobs are finished.

These are then delivered by the sub-contractors to the firm's 20-hectare plant in Pampanga. The sub-contractors are the Golden Cap Development Corp. in General Natividad town, Nueva Ecija, Better Country Community Corp. in Gapan City, Baby Cabiao Handicrafts in Cabiao town, and Manzano's Rattan Craft in Sto. Domingo town.

These sub-contractors, which provide capital for the initial funds needed for the job contracts, have proved that sub-contracting can cash in on this business, Pili said. *Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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Taking the path less traveled by the youth

By Trina A. Lagura
Contributor

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Young Entrepreneurs

WHEN almost all graduating students of her batch were gunning for high paying jobs in the corporate world, then 21-year-old Cello Santos opted to steer away from that race and chose to chase a dream and travel a road less traveled by those her age.

Cello wanted to run her own business.

"I asked my parents' permission and asked my mom if it's ok for me to start a business instead of applying for jobs. She said ok," Cello says in Filipino.

Her family supported her. Her mother, Julie, told her she did not mind for as long as Cello was willing to take the risks.

On July 10, 2004, just three months after her graduation, "cello's doughnuts & dips" came to be. She set it up along Katipunan Avenue in Quezon City, just right across her alma mater, Ateneo de Manila University.

Starting a doughnut shop amid warnings of a looming financial crisis in the country did not deter her from going ahead with her plan. Some people were even skeptical about the path she had taken.

"But I didn't say anything. I'm an optimist *kasi*," she says.

No one could shake the resolve of this girl who is a professed doughnut-lover, and who likes to bake and cook. At first, Cello dreamed of running her own bakery because she wanted to become a bread chef.

CELLO Santos and Jutes Templo PHOTOS BY RAFFY LERMA

"But I realized there was a potential for doughnuts in Katipunan. In the past, I would go to different places just to buy doughnuts. Besides I live near Katipunan so I just walk to my shop," she says.

Now, the 22-year-old entrepreneur is busy with the opening of her second branch along Taft Avenue, in front of De La Salle University. The opening is set the first week of June.

"A lot have been requesting for one more branch because many have to come all the way to Katipunan which is far from some locations. So, *sabi ko* it's about time *na siguro na lumayo tayo*."

Uniquely Cello's

What makes Cello's doughnuts stand out is that these are cooked without adding any coloring and preservatives.

"We don't use those in our doughnuts," she says.

In strawberry flavor, for instance, she uses fresh strawberries *"kaya ang* color light pink *lang. Depende sa strawberries na nabili namin."*

She doesn't want her doughnuts to be too sweet nor too heavy. "It's light and soft when you eat it," she says.

Cello's doughnuts offers a different variety of flavors like Oreo, chocnuts, M&Ms, peanut butter, strawberries, chocolates, and blueberry cream cheese, among others. She sells the doughnuts for P16 a piece or P90 for a box of six.

The customers can also order a dip, like Toblerone, to go with their doughnuts. She says dips are especially recommended with honey-glazed C shaped and pillows.

Family affair

Customers of all ages, not just students, flock to her doughnut shop. Families would come and would hang out at her place that eating there becomes, what she says, "a family thing."

Although, the place is small because she shares it with her mother's business, customers do not mind. Sometimes, Cello says, people would wait for their takeouts standing with no complain.

Cello is helped in running the business by her family and boyfriend. If there are too many customers, her mother assists in taking the orders.

Her father, on the other hand, does the closing while she gets some ideas from her eldest sister. Her boyfriend took the photos that now adorn the orange wall, accentuated by the orange lights, of the doughnut shop. Orange is her favorite color. Her investor at the Taft branch is her boyfriend.

"Cello is shy. She hides if there are so many people. She'd say 'Mama, so many people.' So, Mommy takes over. Mommy takes order, *nage-entertain ng* visitors," her mom says.

Cello needs her mom's help especially when executing tough decisions such as firing an employee.

"Mommy fires. I do not. There are things I cannot do and I let my mom do it (for me)," Cello says. They employ at least 20 people.

"Most of our employees are somehow related to each other—like the guard is the husband of the dishwasher. In other businesses this is discouraged but here we allow it," Cello says.

Her mother clears, though, that the last say about her business always falls on Cello.

"We make suggestions but she will always be the one who's making a decision," says mother Julie.

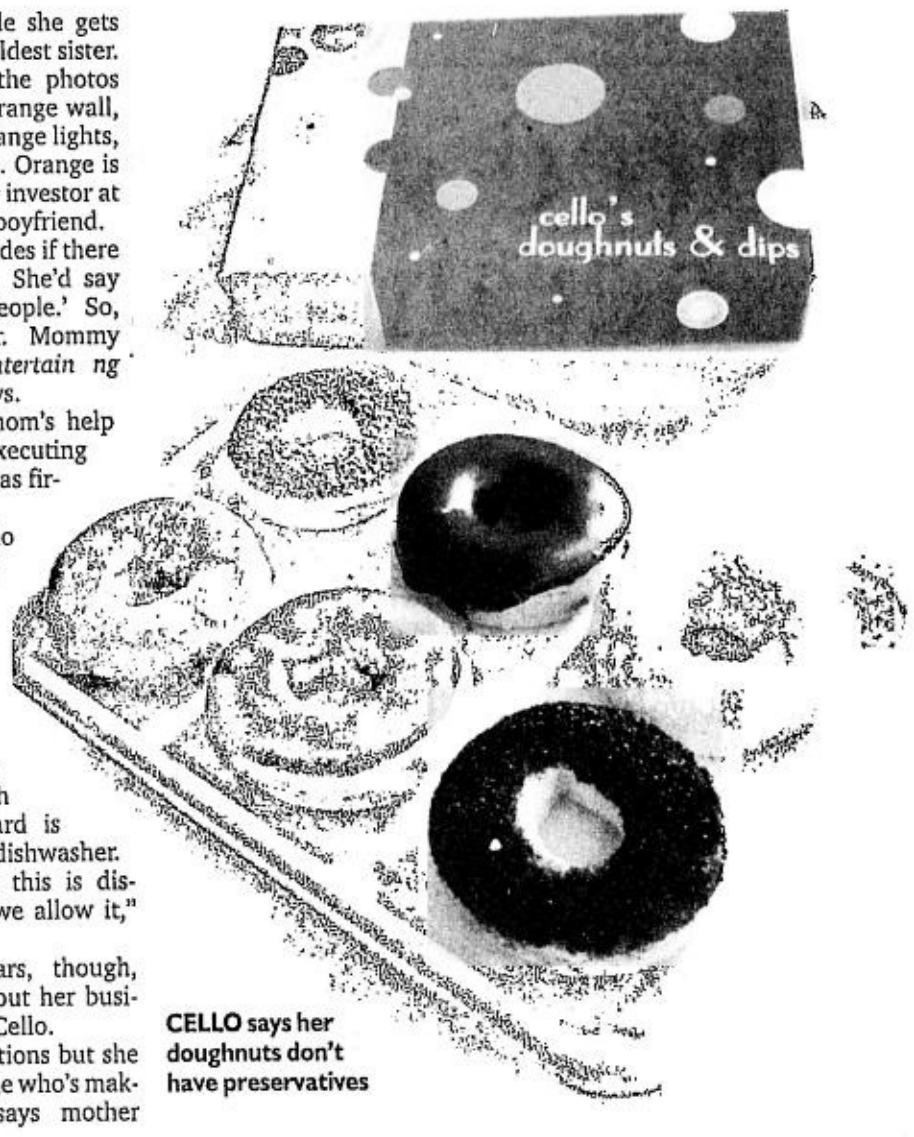
Her mother attributes her success with how much efforts Cello puts in her business and her faith in God.

"She's been so blessed. Everything we do, we pray first to God together. Kasi nga what can we do without God?" her mom says.

Not an 8-hour job

Although managing your own business means having no boss, and no specific time to report for work, it is harder than being employed.

"*Walang* day-offs except Christmas, Nov. 1. Ate's mind is free (from worries) during her rest day. Me, on the other hand, will always be thinking about new products, labor issues, how to improve the system such as making the service faster, whether to franchise or not. Its endless. I was not able to sleep when we were starting. I thought it was easier but it's really harder. I even dream about the business," Cello says.



CELLO says her doughnuts don't have preservatives

But the excitement and the challenge of owning a business is worth the stress.

"It's not the same thing everyday. It's different. Like now, its the opening of Taft and there are a lot of new experiences. I am constantly thinking of new flavors, experimenting. It is exciting," she says.

Her mother reveals that Cello is even interested in taking up architecture because her work includes construction and designing the place.

"Because I have a limited budget, I do everything including interior designs and the furniture. Construction is exciting. There's so much I can do. But right now, I have to concentrate on the opening of Taft," Cello says.

To relieve herself from every day pressure and stress, what Cello does is dance even in front of other people. Her ballet lessons when she was a child indeed paid off. She also plays the piano and the flute.

This shy girl who is a homebody is open to venture into other businesses, but for now its doughnuts she is focusing on.

Her mom says they're still thinking about franchising because it entails a big responsibility. "We are still preparing for such responsibilities," Julie says.

Cello shows age doesn't matter when one wants to open a new business just as long as you enjoy it.

"I enjoy it. The biggest fulfillment is seeing people eat (my doughnuts) and they enjoy it. To be successful, you should believe in the products that you are selling and it wouldn't be that difficult."

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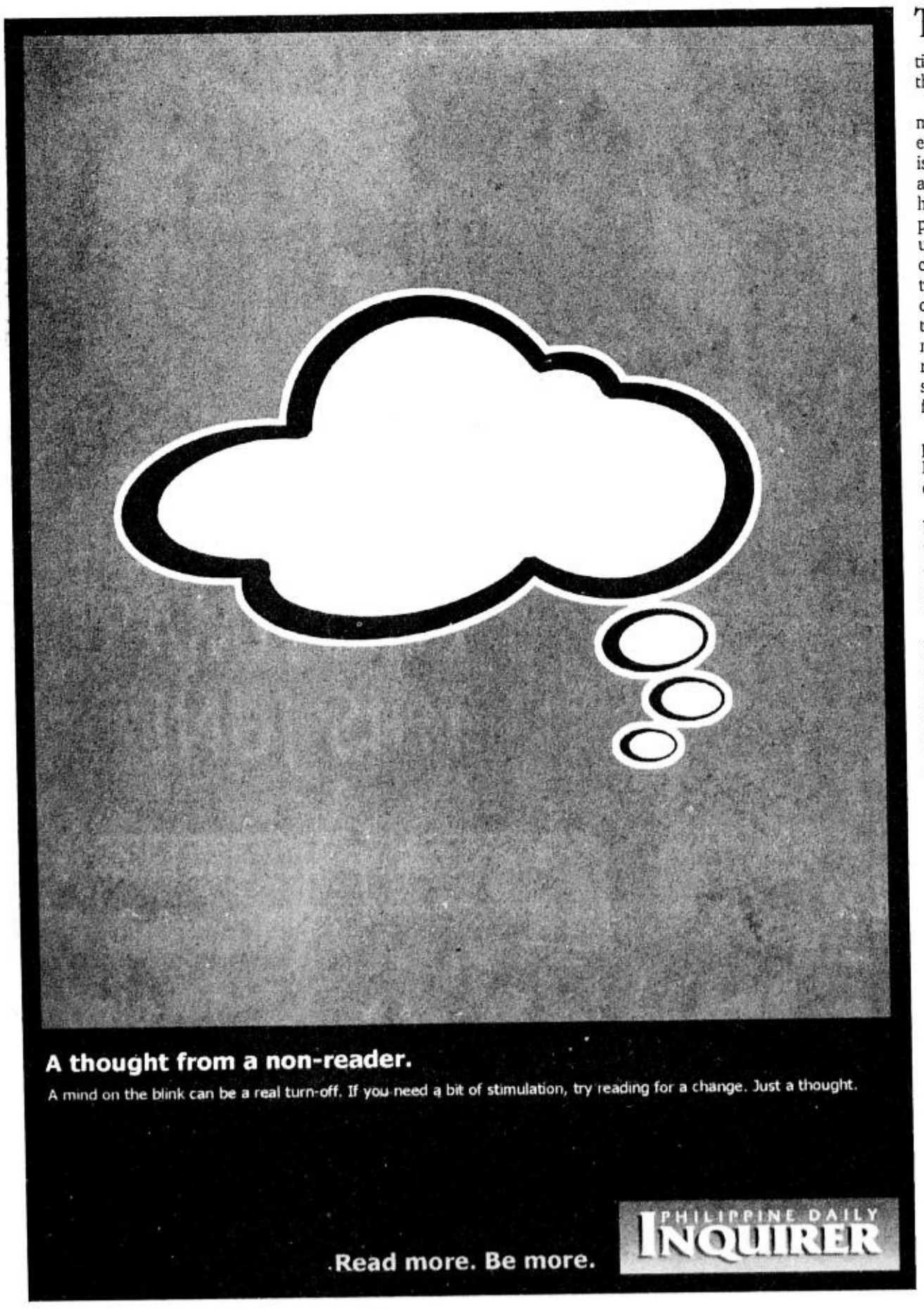
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Three generations...

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tices, and a knowledge of where the infestation is coming from.

In Didi's words, pest management procedures can be an interesting adventure: "Our approach is wholistic: we design a plan of attack that focuses on good housekeeping supported by appropriate pest control method utilizing means such as mechanical, chemical, and physical/structural modification. A critical component of the plan is sanitization. This is essentially habitat modification—making the environment inhospitable to the insects. Once these are in place, we focus on the stragglers."

JAYPEE Caboboy eyes a paradigm shift for company employees

He explains further: "There are so many entry points of termites, we plug all these entry points." If it is enough to catch the pests by light trap, they don't use chemicals, he adds.

The new technical thrust was accompanied by a parallel change in market niching. Now, their market is predominantly industrial. The client roster includes leading names in food processing, tobacco, and other industrial enterprises.

Didi's efforts seemed to have paid off. The company has received a number of awards for pioneering work and innovations in pest control training by bodies like the Pest Management Council of the Philippines and the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA). As part of his outreach, he makes himself available six weeks a year to either pesticide applicators and pest control operators all over the country, through training programs of the FPA.

The chemical based company is aware of its responsibility to the environment in danger of being despoiled. This awareness comes, according to VP for Operations Fermin Villapando, in the form of reclaiming all pesticide containers and burying them to the ground, using only approved chemicals, and most of all advocacy of total pest management that makes minimum use of toxic materials.

With his brother Ray, who is in charge of financing operations, Didi recently laid in place an expansion scheme involving what they call "co-partners." The scheme will enable them to "create promising new businesses."

Co-partnering

Co-partners are small entrepreneurs, including inexperienced ones, that PestCon will help in licensing, training and operations. Once a partner company has been set up, Pestcon will help it pre-operationalize, train its people, install its equipment, and supply its materials. All these plus free technical advice.

The co-partnership will begin as a joint venture. Pestcon will provide 20 percent of the equity, in the form of the "big ticket equipment". . . When the small company stabilizes, it will buy Pestcon out.

"The pie is big," Didi enthuses. The market can accommodate many more players. There are only two kinds of homes he says: *'Yung inaanay at 'yung aanayin.*

Who can qualify to be co-partners? Almost anyone, Didi says. Anyone willing to put in money and time and to micro manage and be hands on managers. "He doesn't need technical background, we train him. He can start with two service technicians as workers and his next-door neighbors as customer base."

Didi thinks that the co-partnership scheme is fool proof. "The only way it will fail is when the co-partner wants to fail."

Jaypee, a promise for a paradigm shift

Last year, Jaypee Gonzalez Caboboy, eldest son of Didi's sister Tessie, joined the PestCon's marketing arm, La Ferenza Marketing, whose thrust is to sell proprietary products.

At 22, he is the company's technical sales manager. Like Didi, he learned the ropes from the bottom to prepare him for higher responsibility. Even as boys his age live it up and take it easy, an ordinary day for Jaypee is making visits to prospective clients, making five to six sales demos and presentations, supervising fogging, and mountains of paper work.

He still has a lot to learn , he says, from his grandpa, his uncle, the senior managers, the rank and file. Someday, he, too, would like to make a mark on the company. He thinks it might be in the field of human resource development. Already, he has designed and implemented training programs on the "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Technicians" and "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Fumigators" using the principles made famous by Stephen Covey.

Early on, he has realized that working is not just for the money but also for the sense of fulfillment, the feeling of surpassing one's boundaries. If he could share this paradigm shift with others, especially Pestcon people he would be happy, he says.

His uncle Didi, listens to this and winks, as though to say the torch would be passed into good hands when time comes.

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Woman finds fortune in Faeries

JUST some of the hand-crafted products sold at Faeries.

By Alexa H. Bacay

IT MAY have been the fortune telling, or her belief in mysterious beings that brought her luck.

"Before I resigned, my fortune was told by three different *manghuhulas*," Peggy Bose said. "According to them, there were dwarfs in my backyard and these beings will make me rich."

Peggy resigned from Mondragon Phils. 15 years ago, ending her 10-year stint there as production manager for cosmetics. She went on to try her luck in business with a theme in mind—fairies.

Peggy thought she would never get rich while she was still employed in a company.

In 1990, Peggy set up her first business which she called Faeries Inc.

The products she had in mind were mostly fragrances and personal care products intended for the younger market.

Added value

She first came up with a set of cologne products called Sugar and Spice.

These consisted of three different scents in one container. The container can be used as storage for clips or a girl's whatnots.

Peggy wanted to reach out to a younger market who wanted a product with added value.

She consigned her products to the SM and Landmark department stores. The products quickly sold out. Soon after, she developed other personal care products.

Going with the trend, Peggy went into the then booming direct selling business. But after six years, Peggy's company accumulated a lot of uncollected accounts and that prompted her to turn to other things.

Last year she thought of trying out something new. Still with her beloved fairies in mind, she set up a theme store at the new Walter Mart along Pasong Tamo.

She called her new business, Sylphs and Other Faeries Corp.

"I learned that [Walter Mart] was opening, so I applied," said Peggy. "I wanted a concept store where we will sell fairy-themed products for the same market—young-ish people, even those young at heart."

Since the mall is fairly new, few people have seen what it has to offer. Peggy thought that her shop

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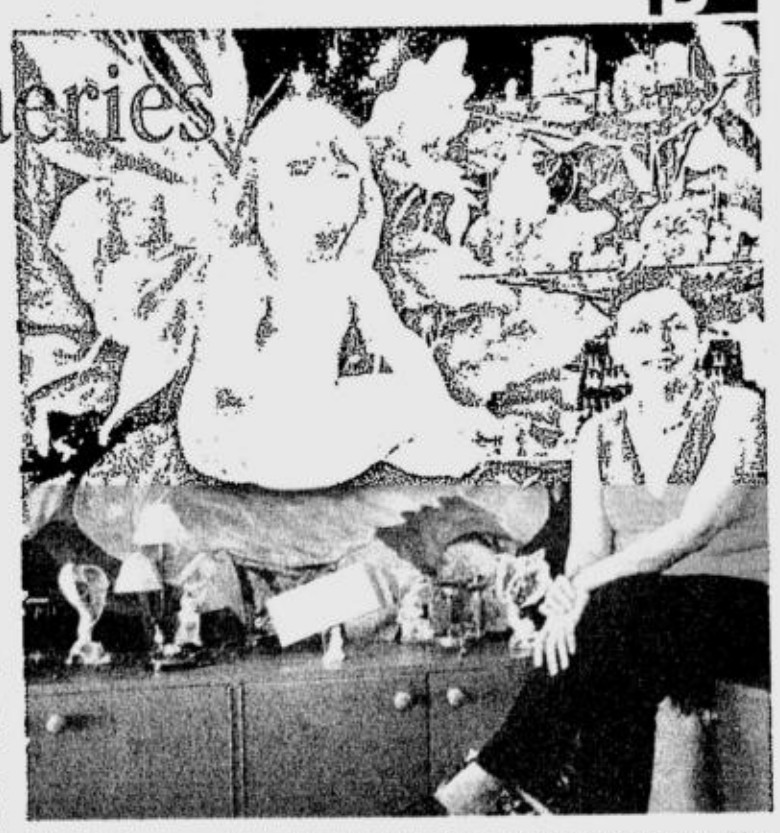

PEGGY Bose's world made colorful by fairies. The mural is painted by Bim Bacaltos.

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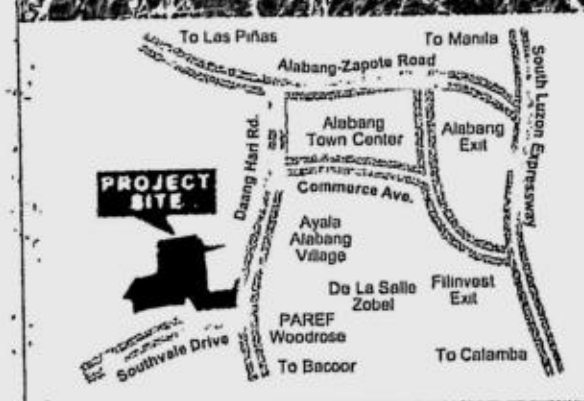

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Heinz: What the world loves most

SOME brands are so good that the world just can't have enough of them. These brands are so superior that, over the years, they have become synonymous to the things that they represent-like Heinz.

Throughout the world, Heinz is tantamount to ketchup. It sits atop restaurant tables from Melbourne to Miami and Montreal to Manila that each year, Heinz sells 650 million bottles of ketchup!

However, as the world's number one meal partner, Heinz means a lot of things to a lot of people, as Heinz is more than just ketchup. It's also a leader in other markets like soups, condiments, sauces, baby food, potatoes and much more.

Now, Heinz offers you more reasons to enjoy your meals as it introduces three new products to give you more ways to experience the world -class goodness that Heinz has been highly known for.

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Although there were many more than 57 foods in production at the time, because the numbers "5" and "7" held a special significance for him and his wife, he adopted the slogan "57 Varieties." Thus, a new advertising campaign was launched for Heinz 57 Varieties and the rest is history.

Now if you want to transform each meal into an experience, then be sure to use Heinz Worcestershire Sauce. Just a touch of this all-purpose sauce and any meal becomes a delightful dish! Goes well with practically any meat, making it taste simply better than ever.

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Sildenafil citrate Viagra, the first oral medicine developed for erectile dysfunction (ED), is one of the most copied medicines in the world, according to Dr. Marcelino Imasa of the Department of Pharmacy at Adamson University. "Fake Viagra tablets sildenafil citrates are usually distributed in informal channels outside of licensed drugstores", he added.

Considered as the best-selling fakes, Viagra can easily be bought on the Internet. Imasa warned against fake and illegal Viagra purchased through the Internet and other unidentified sources as these may contain unknown ingredients, which can be potentially harmful to the patient, including causing some reported deaths. Imasa also warned against fake and illegal sildenafil citrate sold through the Internet as these may contain unknown ingredients, which can be potentially harmful. Patients may not get the same safety profile and efficacy found in the genuine ED medicine they need.

Viagra is a prescription medicine and should not be taken together with heart medicines called nitrates. Patients are advised to see their physicians for their health problems before taking any medicines such as Viagra. The originator brand of sildenafil citrate was introduced six years ago, and is approved in more than 119 countries. Studies have proven that sildenafil citrate works safely for men with ED and who are also suffering from other health problems such as diabetes, heart problems, high cholesterol, prostate problems, and high blood pressure. Sildenafil citrate is a prescription medicine.

The problem of counterfeit medicines is a major concern worldwide, including Asia. The World Health Organization estimates the value of this illegal trade has reached $35 billion. In Asia, WHO believes that 8 percent of all medicines on the market are fake. In the same survey, they found that 60 percent of fake medicine cases occurred in developing countries and 40 percent in industrialized nations.

Can we solve the problem of counterfeits? Imasa stresses the greater role doctors and patients will have to play in combating this problem and recommends some tips the Bureau of Food and Drugs has also advocated in its campaign against counterfeits:

1. Patients should familiarize themselves on the packaging of drugs, and should exert efforts in identifying the DR number, lot number, expiry date, and company logo.

2. Patients should always purchase stocks only from licensed drug stores and not from peddlers or from other unreliable sources.

3. Patients should also ask for official sales invoice of every purchase. It should indicate the lot number and expiration date of the drug product.

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VIS/MIN NEWSDEALERS VISIT PRINTOWN

Newspaper dealers from the Visayas and Mindanao led by lawyer Raymund Mercado were treated by the PDI circulation division to a plant tour of Printown, the largest and most advance printing facility in the Philippines located in Mamplasan, Laguna. On hand to welcome the newsdealers are Inquirer SVP for sales and marketing Rene Reinoso, Inquirer AVP for circulation Glo Lardizabal, and IPI circulation manager Raymond Rivera. Photo shows the news dealers gathered in front of the plant entrance before the start of the tour.

SAM SEMINAR HELD

Jimmy Wu, Partner on Enterprise Risk Services of Deloitte & Touche, urged companies to adopt a sound software asset management (SAM) policy to keep their business healthy and secure. Wu spoke during a recent free SAM seminar organized by the Business Software Alliance (BSA) in cooperation with the Commission on ICT. According to Wu, considered one of Asia's SAM experts, companies can prevent the risk of installing unlicensed software with proper SAM implementation. The SAM seminar was held in line with BSA's ongoing campaign Detox Your PC To Keep Your Business Healthy which is a call for a clean business environment through the use of licensed software.

DELL BAGS AWARDS

At the recently concluded 2005 SADMG (South Asia & Developing Market Group) Partners Conference in Malaysia of Dell, Accent Micro Technologies Inc (AMTI) received the following awards: The 2004 Dell Overachiever Country Partner Award, Dell Platinum Regional Award and Dell Top ESG (Enterprise Sales Group) Award. Receiving the award were Allyxon Cua, president, and Marzo Monserrate, VP sales and marketing, with Dell SADMG general manager, Bernard How.

Deutsche Bank funds construction of classroom building in Navotas

DEUTSCHE Bank will be financing the construction of a two-classroom building in Navotas, a fishing village located in Metro Manila. The Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for the school building project was signed between Deutsche Bank Manila, the Department of Education and the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP). Juergen Fitschen - head of Worldwide Regional Management and Group Executive Member at Deutsche Bank signed the MoA on behalf of Deutsche Bank Manila. This project is part of the Bank's broader regional philanthropic initiative called the Deutsche Bank Asia Foundation.

Deutsche Bank, in partnership with the PBSP, has identified the Daanghari Elementary School as the beneficiary of its second classroom project. The initiation of this project is also in response to the Department of Education's Adopt-A-School-Program – which aims to provide much needed assistance and service to public schools by creating partnerships among the business sector, NGOs, civic groups, individuals and the Education department. Currently, the Daanghari Elementary School has a classroom-student ratio of 1:91 due to the lack of classroom facilities.

"We chose the Daanghari Elementary School because of its critical pupil-classroom ratio where its 2,536 students share only 28 classrooms," said Enrico Cruz, Deutsche Bank's chief country officer for the Philippines.

"This is our modest contribution to the development of the country's educational system," he added.

The project also forms part of Deutsche Bank's active involvement in PBSP's Strategic Private Sector Partnerships for Urban Poverty Reduction (Step-Up). The Step-Up program aims to assist poor communities through the provision of affordable housing, school building, roads, potable water and drainage systems.

Last year Deutsche Bank financed the erection of a two-classroom building for Silangan Elementary School in Taguig, Metro Manila, which benefited 1,541 grade school students from the nearby Maharlika Village.

The Deutsche Bank Asia Foundation was established on 1 December 2003 to provide financial assistance to community support programmes in the 13 countries throughout Asia in which the Bank conducts business. The Taguig and Navotas classroom projects are part of the Deutsche Bank Asia Foundation's activities in the Philippines.

9th Asian Pacific Congress on Cardiac Rehab set

THE ASIAN Pacific Society of Cardiology Committee on Cardiac Rehabilitation in cooperation with the Philippine Heart Association, Cardiac Rehabilitation Society of the Philippines and the Philippine Association of Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation will host the 9th Asian Pacific Congress on Cardiac Rehabilitation on June 9 to 10 at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. The two-day conference with the theme "Cardiac Rehabilitation: Towards an Integrated Cardiovascular Care", will feature well-renowned experts worldwide who will tackle several topics of interest to cardiovascular specialists, rehabilitation experts, allied paramedical staff and post graduate trainees. For more information and registration, contact the APSC Secretariat c/o PHA Heart House at 929-1161 or 66.

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The perfect scanner for people on the go

MSI-Digiland, the exclusive distributor of Genius products introduces the scanner made especially for notebook users and people on the go — the Genius ColorPage-SF600 dpi Sheetfeed Scanner. The Pencil-box sized Genius ColorPage-SF600 dpi Sheetfeed Scanner fits perfectly and folds neatly on desks, beside notebooks and even in notebook bags. It is USB-powered, for more portability, it comes with a wall holder for scanning on walls, a base stand for space efficiency and a carrying pouch. The Genius ColorPage-SF600 dpi Sheetfeed Scanner is packed with an astounding 600X 1,200-dpi resolution and a 48-bit hardware color depth output, producing superior quality images. Price of one unit starts at P4,600. For more information on Genius products, please contact Irene Racho at 688-3728.

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SECONDARY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SEDIP)
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INVITATION TO BID

The Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Education is a recipient of an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) in the amount of JPY 7.210 million to finance the Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of the loan will be utilized for eligible expenditures for the new construction of the different school buildings in the province of Negros Oriental as follows:

Project Description	School	Location
Two-storey, 6 – classroom building with toilet and Two-storey, 4 – classroom building with toilet	Bayawan City NHS-Main	Bayawan City
Single-storey, 3 – classroom building with toilet	Sibulan NHS, San Antonio Annex	Sibulan
Two-storey, 4 – classroom building and a School Toilet	Valencia NHS	Valencia
Single-storey, Science Laboratory Building and a School Toilet	Pulangbato NHS	Valencia

JBIC requires that bidders and contractors as well as the DepED, under contracts funded with JBIC ODA loans, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contract. In pursuance of this, JBIC: (i) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; and (i) will recognize a contractor as ineligible , for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract funded with JBIC ODA loans if it, at any time, determines that the contractor has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing another contract financed by JBIC ODA loans or other Japanese ODA.

Bidding is open to all Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) registered contractors of joint venture contractors with valid license, general building in category and eligible to enter into a contract based on award. Schedules of issuance of bidding documents, pre-bid conference and opening of bids are as follows:

Particulars	Bayawan City	Sibulan	Valencia
Issuance of Documents	Date: June 6-13, 2005 Place: BAC Office	June 6-13, 2005 BAC Office	June 6-13, 2005 BAC Office
Pre-bid Conference	Date: June 17, 2005 Place: Municipal Hall Time: 10 00 a.m	June 20, 2005 Municipal Hall 10 00 a.m	June 21, 2005 Municipal Hall 10.00 a.m.
Opening of Bids	Date: June 28, 2005 Place: BAC Office Time: 10 00 a.m.	June 29, 2005 BAC Office 10 00 a.m.	June 30, 2005 BAC Office 10.00 a m.

The complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon submission of a Letter of Intent to the Office of the BAC Chairman and payment of a non-refundable fee of P2,000.00 to the Cashier's Office.

Submission of bids together with all the documents required in the bid documents must be delivered to the aforesaid venue and dates. All bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of all bidders or their legally authorized representatives.

(Sgd.) JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ
Undersecretary for Administration and Finance

(PDI - May 29 & June 5, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
National Wages and Productivity Commission
Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board No. IV-A
City of Calamba, Laguna

WAGE ORDER NO. IVA-10

SETTING THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR CALABARZON AREA

WHEREAS, under R. A. 6727, Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board –IVA (RTWPB- IVA) is mandated to rationalize minimum wage fixing in the Region considering the prevailing socio-economic condition affecting the cost of living of wage earners, the generation of new jobs and preservation of existing employment, the capacity to pay and sustainable viability and competitiveness of business and industry, and the interest of both labor and management;

WHEREAS, the Board issued Wage Order No. IVA-09, as amended granting wage increases to all covered private sector workers in the Region effective 01 November 2004;

WHEREAS, the Board in anticipation of the wage issue convened on 13 April 2005 to discuss and formulate action plan/s to resolve the issue;

WHEREAS, the Board guided by the instruction of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on Labor Day (May 1, 2005) for the Regional Boards to resolve the wage issue within thirty (30) days initiated assessment of the socio-economic situation of the Region and conducted sectoral consultations and public hearing on the wage issue;

WHEREAS, the Board conducted series of wage consultations with employers sector locating in industrial parks/economic zones in the Provinces/Municipalities of Sto. Tomas, Batangas on 26 April 2005, Desmariñas, Cavite on 18 May 2005, Biñan, Laguna on 19 and 24 May 2005, and Canlubang, Laguna on 23 May 2005. Also, industry wage consultations were conducted with the Garments Industry in Tanay, Rizal on 28 April 2005, Semiconductor and Electronics Industry on 27 April 2005 and 23 May 2005. Region wide labor sector wage consultation was held in Calamba, Laguna on 16 May 2005 and with tripartite sectors in Tagaytay City on 12 May 2005. Region wide public hearing on the wage issue was conducted on 25 May 2005.

WHEREAS, the Board simultaneous with the wage consultations, conducted continuous assessment of the socio-economic condition of Region IV-A and on its 19 May 2005 Board meeting declared the existence of a supervening condition, which was subsequently confirmed by the National Wages and Productivity Commission. Such supervening condition is indicated by the unusual increases in the inflation rate, prices of petroleum products, manufactured goods, which evidently eroded the purchasing power of the peso (PPP), the impending fare and power hikes and anticipated impact of VAT which is expected to further diminish the purchasing power of the minimum wage earners;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need to adjust the minimum wage of workers in the Region to compensate for the impact brought about by current economic reversals without impairing the productivity and viability of business and industry;

WHEREAS, consistent with the government's policy of achieving higher levels of productivity to promote economic growth and generate employment, and to augment the income of workers, there is need to build the capacity of business enterprises to be competitive through productivity improvement and gainsharing programs;

WHEREAS, this Wage Order applies to CALABARZON Area, (as defined under Executive Order 103 Series of 2002) which covers the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested under Republic Act No. 6727, known as the Wage Rationalization Act, the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board of Region IV-A hereby issues this Wage Order:

SECTION 1. AMOUNT OF INCREASE. Upon the effectivity of this Wage Order, all minimum wage workers and employees in the private sector in Region IV-A shall receive a basic wage increase in the amount as follows:

	Effective June 16, 2005	Effective January 1, 2006	Total Increase
1) Extended Metropolitan Area	P 10.00	P 12.00	P 22.00
2) Growth Corridor Area	P 10.00	P 7.00	P 17.00
3) Emerging Growth Area	P 10.00	P 5.00	P 15.00
4) Resource Based Area	P 10.00	P 3.00	P 13.00

SECTION 2. NEW MINIMUM WAGE RATES. The daily minimum wage rates of private workers and employees in Region IV-A upon effectivity of this Order shall be:

CALABARZON AREAS	Non-Agriculture June 16, 2005	Non-Agriculture January 1, 2006	Agriculture Plantation June 16, 2005	Agriculture Plantation January 1, 2006	Agriculture Non-Plantation June 16, 2005	Agriculture Non-Plantation January 1, 2006	Cottage June 16, 2005	Cottage January 1, 2006	Retail & Service Establishment Employing 10 or more/ less than 10 workers June 16, 2005	Retail & Service Establishment January 1, 2006
EXTENDED METROPOLITAN AREA	265.00	277.00	240.00	252.00	220.00	232.00	228.00	240.00	160.00	172.00
CAVITE: Bacoor, Imus; RIZAL: Cainta, Taytay; LAGUNA: Biñan, San Pedro										
GROWTH CORRIDOR AREA 1/										
Category 1	259.00	266.00	234.00	241.00	214.00	221.00	222.00	229.00	154.00	161.00
Category 2	247.00	254.00	222.00	229.00	202.00	209.00	210.00	217.00	142.00	149.00
CAVITE: Cavite City, Carmona, Dasmariñas, Rosario, Gen. Trias; RIZAL: Antipolo City; LAGUNA: Cabuyao, Calamba City, Los Baños, San Pablo City, Sta. Cruz, Sta. Rosa										
GROWTH CORRIDOR AREA	243.00	250.00	217.00	224.00	197.00	204.00	205.00	212.00	139.00	146.00
CAVITE: Kawit, Tagaytay City, Tanza, Trece Martirez, Silang; BATANGAS: Batangas City, Bauan, Lipa City, San Pascual, Sto. Tomas, Tanauan City; QUEZON: Lucena City										
EMERGING GROWTH AREA 2/										
Category 1	255.00	260.00	230.00	235.00	210.00	215.00	218.00	223.00	150.00	155.00
Category 2	247.00	252.00	222.00	227.00	202.00	207.00	210.00	215.00	142.00	147.00
CAVITE: GMA; RIZAL: Rodriguez, Tanay										
EMERGING GROWTH AREA 3/										
Category 1	238.00	243.00	213.00	218.00	193.00	198.00	201.00	206.00	135.00	140.00
Category 2	232.00	237.00	207.00	212.00	187.00	192.00	195.00	200.00	131.00	136.00
RIZAL: Angono, Binangonan, San Mateo; BATANGAS: Balayan, Calaca, Lemery, Nasugbu; QUEZON: Candelaria, Sariaya										
EMERGING GROWTH AREA	232.00	237.00	207.00	212.00	187.00	192.00	195.00	200.00	131.00	136.00
BATANGAS: Calatagan, Mabini, Rosario, San Jose										
RESOURCE BASED AREA 4/										
Category 1	233.00	236.00	210.00	213.00	190.00	193.00	198.00	201.00	132.00	135.00
Category 2	230.00	233.00	205.00	208.00	185.00	188.00	193.00	196.00	127.00	130.00
CAVITE: Indang, Noveleta, Ternate; RIZAL: Pililla; LAGUNA: Pagsanjan, Paete; BATANGAS: San Juan; QUEZON: Tiaong										
RESOURCE BASED AREA 5/										
Category 1	229.00	232.00	204.00	207.00	184.00	187.00	192.00	195.00	128.00	131.00
Category 2	225.00	228.00	200.00	203.00	180.00	183.00	188.00	191.00	126.00	129.00
CAVITE: Alfonso; RIZAL: Cardona, Morong, Teresa; LAGUNA: Alaminos, Bay, Calauan, Cavinti, Kalayaan, Liliw, Luisiana, Lumban, Mabitac, Nagcarlan, Pagsanjan, Pangil, Pila, Rizal, Siniloan, Sta. Maria, Victoria; BATANGAS: Cuenca, Ibaan, Lian, Padre Garcia, Taal, Taysan, Tingloy, Tuy										
RESOURCE BASED AREA 5/										
QUEZON Category 1	211.00	214.00	181.00	184.00	171.00	174.00	179.00	182.00	121.00	124.00
QUEZON Category 2	207.00	210.00	187.00	190.00	167.00	170.00	175.00	178.00	119.00	122.00
Atimonan, Catbalogan, Gumaca, Infanta, Lopez, Lucban, Mauban, Mulanay, Pagbilao, Real, Tagkawayan, Tayabas										
RESOURCE BASED AREA	225.00	228.00	200.00	203.00	180.00	183.00	188.00	191.00	126.00	129.00
CAVITE: Amadeo, Gen. Aguinaldo, Magallanes, Maragondon, Mendez-Nuñez; RIZAL: Baras, Jala-Jala; LAGUNA: Famy, Magdalena; BATANGAS: Agoncillo, Alitagtag, Balete, Laurel, Lobo, Malvar, Mataas na Kahoy, San Luis, San Nicolas, Sta. Teresita, Talisay										
QUEZON	207.00	210.00	187.00	190.00	167.00	170.00	175.00	178.00	119.00	122.00
Agdangan, Alabat, Buenavista, Burdeos, Calauag, Dolores, Gen. Luna, Gen. Nakar, Jomalig, Macalelon, Padre Burgos, Panukulan, Patnanungan, Perez, Pitogo, Plaridel, Polillo, Quezon, Sampaloc, San Andres, San Antonio, San Francisco, San Narciso, Unisan										

1/ Reclassified Extended Metropolitan Area to Growth Corridor Area under W.O IVA-09
2/ Reclassified Extended Metropolitan Area to Emerging Growth Area under W.O IVA-09
3/ Reclassified Growth Corridor Area to Emerging Growth Area under W.O.IVA-09
4/ Reclassified Growth Corridor Area to Resource Based Area under W.O.IVA-09
5/ Reclassified Emerging Growth Area to Resource Based Area under W.O.IVA-09

Category 1 Employees – refer to those private workers and employees employed before November 1, 2004.

Category 2 Employees – refer to those private workers and employees employed on or after November 1, 2004.

All workers covered by this Wage Order receiving less than the prescribed minimum wage(s) shall be adjusted at least to the new daily minimum wage rates prescribed herein.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. The minimum wage rates prescribed under this Order shall apply to all covered workers and employees in all private establishments in Region IV-A regardless of their position, designation or status of employment and irrespective of the method by which their wages are paid. Not covered by this Wage Order are household or domestic helpers, persons employed in the personal service of another, including family drivers and workers of Barangay Micro Business Enterprises (BMBEs) with Certificate of Authority, pursuant to R.A. 9178.

SECTION 4. BASIS OF MINIMUM WAGE. The minimum wage prescribed under this Order shall be for the normal working hours, which shall not exceed eight (8) hours work a day.

SECTION 5. APPLICATION TO WORKERS PAID BY RESULTS. All workers paid by result, including those who are paid on piece work, takay, pakyaw or task basis, shall be entitled to receive the prescribed minimum wage rates for the normal working hours which shall not exceed eight (8) hours work a day, or a proportion thereof for working less than the normal working hours.

SECTION 6. PRODUCTIVITY BASED WAGES. In order to sustain rising levels of wages and enhance competitiveness, business are encouraged to adopt productivity improvement schemes such as time and motion studies, good housekeeping, quality circles, labor management cooperation as well as implement gain sharing programs. Accordingly, the Board shall provide the necessary studies and technical assistance pursuant to Republic Act No. 6971or the Productivity Incentives Act of 1990.

SECTION 7. APPLICATION TO SPECIAL GROUPS OF WORKERS. Wages of apprentices and learners shall in no case be less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the applicable minimum wage rates prescribed in this Order.

All recognized learnership and apprenticeship agreements entered into before the effectivity of this Order shall be considered automatically modified insofar as their wage clauses are concerned to reflect the new prescribed minimum wage.

All qualified handicapped workers shall receive the full amount of the minimum wage rate prescribed herein pursuant to R.A. 7277.

SECTION 8. APPLICATION TO PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. In the case of private educational institutions, the share of covered workers in the increase in tuition fee for SY 2005-2006 shall be considered as compliance with the increase prescribed herein. However, payment of any short fall shall be covered starting SY 2006-2007. Those which have not increased their tuition fees for SY 2005-2006 may defer compliance with the provision of the Wage Order until the beginning of SY 2006-2007. In any event, all private educational institutions shall implement the minimum wage rate prescribed herein starting SY 2006-2007.

SECTION 9. APPLICATION TO CONTRACTORS. In the case of contracts for construction projects and for security, janitorial and similar services, the prescribed increase in the wage rate of covered workers shall be borne by the principals or clients of the construction/service contractor and the contract shall be deemed amended accordingly. In the event, however, that the principal or client fails to pay the prescribed wage rates, the contractor shall be jointly and severally liable with the principal or client.

SECTION 10. APPLICATION TO TRANSFER, BRANCH AND MOBILE EMPLOYEES. In cases where the establishment may have branches in different parts of the region or where its headquarters is outside the region, the applicable rate is the rate of the particular city/municipality where the employee is based. In cases of mobile employees, the home base rate shall apply. In cases of transfer from a high rate city/municipality to a lower rate city/municipality, the higher rate shall continue to be applied.

SECTION 11. APPLICATION TO EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS. Upon application with and as determined by the Board, export establishments which earn at least fifty percent (50%) of their normal operating revenues from export sales and whose product pricing is computed using labor costs based on previous mandated minimum wage rates, the effectivity of minimum wage rates under this Order shall be deferred but shall not to exceed one year.

The allowable length of period of deferment grant shall be based on the weighted value or volume of which specific contract with the time and/or expected time of receipt of payment of each specific contract in proportion to the total contract value or volume for a one- year period plus thirty days payment lag.

Deferment of the increases provided herein shall apply only for increases made effective 16 June 2005.

SECTION 12. EXEMPTION. Upon application with and as determined by the Board based on the criteria and supporting documents, exemption from the applicability of this Order maybe allowed on the following categories of establishments:

a. New Business Enterprises as defined in the NWPC Guidelines No. 01 Series of 1996 whose start of operation is 01 January 2005 onwards during the effectivity of this Wage Order shall be exempted for one year.

b. Distressed Establishments as defined in the NWPC Guidelines No. 01 Series of 1996 (Rules on Exemption) and NWPC Guidelines 01 Series of 2001 may be exempted for a period of not more than one year.

SECTION 13. APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION. All applications for exemption from this Order shall be filed within seventy five (75) days from the date of publication of the Rules implementing this Order.

The period of exemption shall be in accordance with Section 8 of the NWPC Guidelines (Rules on Exemption) Series of 1996 without prejudice to the results of the on-going policy review by the commission.

Whenever an application for exemption has been filed with the Regional Board, action by the Regional Office of the Department of Labor and Employment on any complaint for alleged non-compliance with this Order shall be deferred pending resolution of the application for exemption by the Regional Board.

In the event that an application for exemption is not granted, covered workers and employees shall receive the appropriate compensation due them as provided for in this Order plus interest of one percent (1%) per month retroactive to the effectivity of this Order.

SECTION 14. APPEAL TO THE COMMISSION. Any party aggrieved by this Wage Order may file a verified appeal with the Commission through the Board within ten (10) calendar days from the publication of this Order.

SECTION 15. EFFECT OF FILING AN APPEAL. The filing of the appeal does not operate to stay the Order unless the party appealing such Order shall file with the Commission an undertaking with a surety or sureties satisfactory to the Commission for payment to employees affected by the Order of the corresponding increase, in the event such Order is affirmed.

SECTION 16. EFFECTS ON EXISTING WAGE STRUCTURE. Where the application of the wage increase prescribed in this Order results in distortion in the wage structure within the establishments, it shall be corrected in accordance with the procedure under Article 124 of the Labor Code, as amended.

Advisory formulae to correct distortions will be contained in the Implementing Rules of this Order.

SECTION 17. COMPLAINTS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. Complaints for non-compliance with this Order shall be filed with the Regional Office of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and shall be subject of enforcement proceedings under Article 128 of the Labor Code, as amended without prejudice to criminal prosecution which may be undertaken against those who fail to comply.

SECTION 18. NON-DIMINUTION OF BENEFITS. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to reduce existing wage rates, allowances, and benefits of any form under existing laws, decrees, issuances, executive orders and/or under any contract of agreement between the workers and employers.

SECTION 19. PENAL PROVISIONS. Any employer who refuses or fails to pay the corresponding rates provided under this Order shall be subject to the penalties under RA. 6727, as amended by R.A.8188.

SECTION 20. PROHIBITIONS AGAINST INJUNCTION. No preliminary or permanent injunction of temporary restraining order may be issued by any court, tribunal or other cities against any proceeding before the Board.

SECTION 21. FREEDOM TO BARGAIN. This Order shall not be construed to prevent workers in particular firms or enterprises from bargaining for higher wages with their respective employers.

SECTION 22. REPORTING REQUIREMENT. Any person, company, corporation, partnership or any entity engaged in business shall submit a verified itemized listing of their labor component to the Board not later than January 31, 2006 and every year thereafter in accordance with the form prescribed by the Commission.

SECTION 23. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Wage Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 24. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any section or provision of this Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions or parts shall remain valid.

SECTION 25. IMPLEMENTING RULES. The Regional Board shall prepare the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Order, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Labor and Employment.

SECTION 26. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect June 16, 2005.

Approved this 31st day of May, 2005 in Calamba City, Laguna.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. MAXIMO B. LIM, CESO III**
Chairman

(Sgd.) **MARILOU Q. TOLEDO**
Vice-Chairman

(Sgd.) **SEVERINO C. SANTOS**
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(Sgd.) **BENJAMIN P. BASQUIÑAS, JR.**
Worker Representative

(Sgd.) **JUANITO S. FACUNDO**
Worker Representative

(PDI–June 5, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT of LAND REFORM

INVITATION FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

The Department of Land Reform (DLR) has received a loan from the World Bank for the Second Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP2) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan to payments under the contract for the engagement of non-government organization (NGO)/service provider (SP)

The services of a non-government organization (NGO)/service provider (SP) shall be engaged in the ARCDP2-covered Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs) in the provinces of Albay, Bataan and Isabela, for a minimum period of six months to a maximum period of two years, depending on the concerned Provincial Project Office (PPO)'s requirements and agreed upon scope of work. An NGO or local service provider shall be tapped to perform any or a combination of the following roles: (i) provide technical assistance in community development activities by assigning a community development worker (CDW) to the ARC; (ii) design, organize, conduct and serve as technical advisor(s) and/or resource person(s) for capacity building of staff of local government unit (LGUs), Provincial Project Office (PPO) of DLR and peoples' organizations (POs)/cooperatives; and (iii) conduct process documentation of innovative approaches or best practices in ARCDP2 implementation.

The Department of Land Reform now invites eligible NGOs, and firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform these services, as to their qualification and track record (brochures on company profile, description of consulting firms with a minimum of 3 years track record as a rural development organization, to indicate their interest in providing any or a combination of the above services. Interested consulting similar and recent engagements, experience in similar conditions, sample of output of similar engagements, financial statements for the past 2 years, number and cost of on-going engagements/contracts including number of staff assigned, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.)

The consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guideline: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers*, May 2004, lasting for a period of no more than six (6) months.

Interested consultants may obtain copy of the general terms of reference and further information from the CDCB Unit of ARCDP2 Central Project Office at the Address below or from the following Provincial Office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday thru Friday.

Isabela - **PARO Ronald de la Rosa**
Department of Land Reform - Isabela Provincial Project Office
San Fermin, Cauayan, Isabela, Telefax: (078) 634-5615; 652-3217

Bataan - **PARO Ramon V. Estanislao III**
Department of Land Reform - Bataan Provincial Project Office
San Ramon, Dinalupihan, Bataan, Telefax: (047) 481-1515; 481-4792

Albay - **PARO Salve C. Tongco**
Department of Land Reform - Albay Provincial Project Office
Cabangan, Camalig, Albay, Telefax: (052) 826-0549; 826-0528

Expression of interest must be delivered to the address below not later than 3:00 p.m., June 17, 2005.

Mr. Gerundio C. Madueño
Undersecretary, Department of Land Reform
Attn: **Mr. Adelberto B. Baniqued**
ARCDP2 Chief Technical Advisor
FAPsO Extension Bldg., DLR Compound,
Elliptical Road, Diliman
Quezon City, Philippines
Telefax: (632) 4267367; 4542092
E-mail: wb-arcdp2@wb-arcdp2.ph

(Sgd.) **GERUNDIO "KHALIQ" C. MADUEÑO**
Undersecretary for SSO/PIO for FAPSO

(PDI - June 5, 2005)

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INVITATION TO BID BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

The Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) invites all interested bidders to bid for the sale/lease of the following PNOC properties:

FOR SALE:

Location of Property	TCT No.	Area (sq.m.)	Minimum Bid Sale
1. Sto. Niño, Baliuag, Bulacan	T-71219	231	P231,000
2. Sto. Niño, Baliuag, Bulacan	T-71220	315	P315,000
3. Sto. Niño, Baliuag, Bulacan	T-71221	356	P356,000
4. Kayumanggi, Lipa City, Batangas	T-91949	625	P938,000
5. Concepcion, Tarlac	261224	200	P200,000
6. Concepcion, Tarlac	261225	200	P200,000
7. Talomo, Davao City	T-208616	421	P1,052,000
8. Tagbilaran, Bohol	T-36923	1,388	P1,388,000
9. Tagbilaran, Bohol	T-36922	4,367	P3,057,000
10. Kasambagan, Cebu City	133150	548	P2,356,400
11. Kasambagan, Cebu City	133149	1,271.09	P5,465,687

FOR SALE OR LEASE (BEST OFFER)

Location and Description of Property	TCT No.	Area (sq.m.)	Minimum Bid Sale	Minimum Bid Lease
1. Alangan, Limay, Bataan Contiguous vacant lots with fence; ideal for industrial, residential subdivision and/ or agricultural development	T-167130 T-78958 T-81621 Individually or as a whole	234,146 289,010 60,991	P77,209,000	P193,000/mo.
2. Bolo, Bauan, Batangas Compound with existing 40 housing units, clubhouse, guesthouse located along a national road; ideal for industrial, commercial and/ or residential development	T-80536 AP-4A001102 AP-4A001103 AP-4A001101	59,323	P143,760,000	P881,700/mo.

Bid forms, bidding guidelines, terms and conditions can be secured after payment of non-refundable amount of P100.00 during office hours of June 6-27, 2005; Monday to Friday; 8:00am to 5:00pm from the Disposal Committee Secretariat, 2nd Floor, Estate Management Department, PNOC Bldg. 6, Energy Center, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. The pre-bidding conference and the public bidding shall be conducted on June 28, 2005 (2:00pm) and July 14, 2005 (2:15pm), respectively, at the G/F PNOC Bldg. 6.

Award of the sale/lease of the above properties shall be based on the **BEST BID OFFER/PROPOSAL** received from the bidders.

The Bidder further acknowledges that he/she has been given every opportunity to investigate, inspect and verify the properties offered for sale/lease to ascertain the actual conditions thereof as well as the status of the titles. If for any reason the above-mentioned dates are declared non-working holidays, then the above-said bidding activities shall be held on the next working day at the same time and place aforementioned. PNOC reserves the right to reject any and all bid offers/proposals or to waive any formality thereto and/or to accept any such bids or portion of bids as may be advantageous to PNOC.

(Sgd.) ATTY. PEDRO A. AQUINO, JR.
Chairman
Committee for the Disposal/Utilization
of PNOC Real Estate Properties

(PDI--June 5, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
Cebu Maritime Regional Office
Ground Floor CCCI Center, cor. 11th & 13th Avenues,
North Reclamation Area, Cebu City

Case No. CMRO 05-123

RE: Application for grant of certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to operate a liner service in the operation of its ship/s in its/their applied route for the carriage of passengers and to charge deregulated rates and to operate under a deregulated schedule of trips pursuant to Republic Act No.9295 and its implementing Rules and Regulations.

KINSWELL SHIPPING LINES, INC.,
Applicant.
x---x

ORDER

This refers to the Application for grant of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to operate the following ship/s in its/their route/s, under the following sailing frequency/ies, schedule of trips and rates:

1. For Liner Operation

Name of Ships	Service/s offered/to be offered
MV KINSWELL	Carriage of Passengers only
MV KINSWELL – II	Carriage of Passengers only

Route/s to be served:
Cebu City – Bato, Leyte-Cebu City – Tubigon, Bohol and vice versa; Cebu City – Tagbilaran City – Cebu City – Tubigon, Bohol and vice versa.

Sailing Frequency/ies/Schedule

Departure Port	Departure Day	Departure Time	Arrival Port	Arrival Day	Arrival Time
Cebu	Daily	6:00 PM	Bato	Daily	9:30 PM
Bato	Daily	8:00 AM	Cebu	Daily	11:30 AM
Cebu	Daily	2:00 PM	Tubigon	Daily	3:20 PM
Tubigon	Daily	4:00 PM	Cebu	Daily	5:20 PM
Cebu	Daily	6:00 PM	Tagbilaran	Daily	8:30 PM
Tagbilaran	Daily	6:30 AM	Cebu	Daily	9:00 AM
Cebu	Daily	10:00 AM	Tubigon	Daily	11:20 AM
Tubigon	Daily	2:15 PM	Cebu	Daily	3:35 PM

Schedule of Rates (Per Link)

Passage Rates

LINKS From	LINKS To	Type of Accommodation/Class	Rate
Cebu	Bato	Upper Class	P 340.00
		Lower Class	P 310.00
Cebu	Tubigon	Upper Class	P 150.00
		Lower Class	P 140.00
Cebu	Tagbilaran	Upper Class	P 300.00
		Lower Class	P 270.00

The Applicant shall cause the publication of this order once in a newspaper once in any of the five (5) major newspapers of national circulation in the Philippines.

The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously cause the posting of this Order in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminal/s and ticketing offices as applicable

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on 10 June 2005 at 2:00 P.M. at the Hearing Room, Cebu Maritime Regional Office, Ground Floor, CCCI Bldg., cor. 11th and 13th Avenues, North Reclamation Area, Cebu City which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), afterwhich, the application is deemed submitted for resolution/decision

WITNESS, the Honorable Administrator, **VICENTE T. SUAZO, JR.**, this 13th day of June 2005 at Cebu City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) **GLENN G. CABANEZ**
Regional Director

(PDI – June 5, 2005)

The Chami Festival

THE STAFF and crew are in the van, Trisha's inside too...and Colby is hitchhiking?! Why?!

Because it's raining chami in this special episode of Chefs on the Go! Five hundred local cooks in Lucena are up for the best chami concoction of the year and four long blocks (and folks, this ain't an exaggeration!) are busy cooking for the whole town.

The Pasayahan sa Lucena 2005, headed by the Over-all Chairman Mr. James Cooper, is a vigorous week-long event held every merry month of May. This year, the organizers have it their mission to make the chami "the star" of the event and the long queue of chami experts have proven the unique identity of this product through the undeniably distinct taste and appealing presentation of the various chami dishes with of course, the Pinoy touch.

Chow time with the Pinoy version of the chow mien noodles! Meet the 1st ever Chami King and why his special recipe made it to the throne. An exciting road trip is up and should not be missed!

Chefs on the Go is presented by Star Events, Inc., in cooperation with Center for Culinary Arts, Manila and The Cravings Group in association with Appetite Culinary Lifestyle Magazine, MacGraphics Carranz Advertising, Quisine, Cafe Lupe, Toch Arellano, Home Radio 97.9 and Philippine Daily Inquirer. Chefs on the Go airs every Thursday night at 11:30 on Studio 23, right after Oprah.

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C.P.A. with a B.S. degree in Business Administration major in accounting and at least three (3) years experience in financial statement preparation and related work (or Post Graduate degree with at least two (2) years relevant experience). Computer literate, able to work with minimum supervision, has knowledge of the latest BIR rulings, revenue issuances and the updated statements of the Accounting Standards Council (ASC). The successful candidate must be able to work independently and be willing to work beyond the regular working hours.

Network Administrator

With a degree in B.S. Computer Science or Engineering and at least three (3) years work experience (or a Post Graduate degree and at least two (2) years relevant experience) in installation, configuration, operation and maintenance of inter-network operating systems of data communication equipment. Successful candidates will have had work experience in the implementation of network security and have had related experience in network system disaster and recovery procedures.

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With a degree in B.S. Computer Science or Engineering with at least three (3) years work experience (or Post Graduate degree and two (2) years relevant experience) in administering and monitoring server operating systems and ensuring security and proper integration of multiple sites, operation and maintenance of multi-tier heterogeneous mid-range UNIX-based and/or mainframe computer systems and installation, configuration and maintenance of Linux/MS Windows operating systems and in computer disaster and recovery procedures.

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INVITATION FOR APPLICANTS FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS FOR THE "ACT FOR PEACE PROGRAMME"

The Mindanao Economic Development Council (MEDCo) and the ARMM Regional Government, with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), are commencing the implementation of the "ACT for Peace Programme." The said government agencies are currently in search of qualified individuals for the following positions to work for the Programme:

Posts	Number of Staff Required
Programme Manager*	(1)
Area Managers	(3), one each to be assigned in the Area Mgt. Office (AMO) in Gen. Santos City, Zambo. City and Cotabato City
Technical Support Senior Specialist*	(1)
Technical Support Specialist*	(4)
Performance Measurement Specialist*	(1)
MIS Officer*	(1)
Communication Specialist*	(1)
Administrative Officer*	(1)
Finance Officer*	(1)
Area Security and Liaison Officer*	(1)
Programme Technical Assistant*	(1)
Area Technical Assistants	(7) 2 per AMO and 1 for North-Eastern Mindanao & Palawan
Finance Assistant (Bookkeeper)*	(1)
Cashier*	(1)
Administrative Assistant*	(1)
Clerks*	(2)
Finance Clerk*	(1)
Administrative and Finance Assistant	(3) 1 per AMO
Office Clerks	(3) 1 per AMO
Utility Person for PMO*	(1)
Drivers for PMO*	(4)
Drivers for AMOs	(3) 1 per AMO

** based at the Programme Management Office in Davao City*

Interested applicants are enjoined to refer to the MEDCo website at www.medco.gov.ph for details on job description and qualifications. Please specify position being applied for. Applicants who are not qualified need not apply. Only short-listed applicants shall be notified accordingly.

Qualified applicants may send or email their comprehensive curriculum vitae and other requirements by **10 June 2005** to:

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(Sgd.) **EDITA S. BUENO**
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

A **WARRANT OF ARREST**, has been issued by THE COURT, RTC Branch 211, Mandaluyong City, Criminal Case No. MC04-8363 against: **ALLAN N. DANAN**, former Van Salesman of **FAST DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION**, whose picture appears herein with last known address at 69-B Villonco St., Commonwealth, Quezon City for **QUALIFIED THEFT**.

A **WARRANT OF ARREST**, has been issued by THE COURT, RTC Branch 212, Mandaluyong City, Criminal Case No. MC04-8249 against: **RONALD V. CASTRO**, former Van Salesman of **FAST DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION**, whose picture appears herein with last known address at Phase III E1 Teachers Village, Malabon for **QUALIFIED THEFT**.

A **WARRANT OF ARREST**, has been issued by THE COURT, RTC Branch 37, Calamba City, Criminal Case No. 11457-03-C against: **JOSE JUAN "JOJO" EBALOBO,** former Van Salesman of **FAST DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION**, whose picture appears herein with last known address at No. 43 4th Street, Claire 2 Village Subd., Marikina City for **QUALIFIED THEFT**.

For any information leading to their arrest, please call tel. nos. 5320331, 5355621 or the nearest Police Station.

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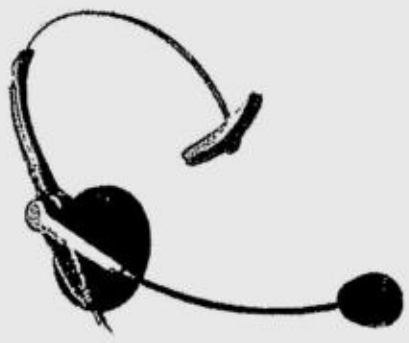

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Her family kindly request all readers to remember her in their prayers.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

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(Who passed away on May 22, 2005)

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We are deeply touched.

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Dr. Austria, who devoted his life to the service of others, has gone to join his beloved wife, **Felicisima "Amy" Austria (†),** in the love and protection of Mother Mary. Please join his children, **Ching Fuentes, Marita and Jun Salientes, Tina Austria (†), Tess and Bob McKenzie, Lito Austria, Ditas and Vic Tan, Chat Austria and Arnold Parmalee, Freddie and Louie (†) Austria, Martin and Laura Austria,** and **Betsy Francia**, and his grandchildren and other relatives, in praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

The wake will be at Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills East, June 4 – June 7. Interment will be on June 8 at the Heritage Park, after the 9 a.m. Mass.

"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." ***John 1:5***

Amon Pinalangga nga MAMA

Mrs. Cristeta "Tita" Sano Uy

*Peacefully joined her Creator, husband **Wana** and sons*
Pedro Sr. *and* ***Rosendo Sr.*** *on June 2, 2005 at the age of 77.*

Her loving children **Congressman Reynaldo S. Uy, MD**, First District Western Samar, **Mrs. Conchita Uy-Lo**; daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren and relatives request the pious readers to pray for her eternal rest and happiness.

Her remains lie in state at the Ambassador Chapel, St. Peter Memorial Chapels at Quezon Avenue near corner Scout Chuatoco, Quezon City and will be transferred to Oquendo, Calbayog City on June 8, 2005.

Interment will be at St. Ignatius Memorial Park on June 18, 2005 after the 2:00 p.m. Holy Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Calbayog City.

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IN OUR HOUR OF BEREAVEMENT.

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Peacefully joined the Lord on June 2, 2005 at the age of 92.

His beloved wife **Inday** (†), only son **Roger**, grandnephew **Bobby**, brothers **Benedicto** (†) and **Jose** (†), brothers and sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces and grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious reader to pray for his eternal repose.

His remains lie in state in Jose Rizal Chapel, La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park), Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, after the 2:00 P.M. Mass at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque City.

JULIA C. POLICARPIO

OF SAN JOAQUIN, PASIG CITY

Peacefully joined her Creator on June 02, 2005 at the age of 95.

Her beloved children Agulda P. Cruz (†), Conrado C. Policarpio (†), Ernesto C. Policarpio, Amelia P. Tuazon, Federico C. Policarpio, Julita P. Alvarez and Mario C. Policarpio; in-laws, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces and relatives and friends request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

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Requiem Mass will be at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Guinobatan, Albay on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Rebap-QC silver anniversary

THE REAL Estate Brokers Association-Quezon City Chapter (Rebap-QC) will be having its 25th anniversary celebration on Saturday, June 11, 2005 at the Funnside Restaurant at Timog Avenue, Quezon City, Lorna N. Coyco, 2005 Rebap-QC president announced recently.

The silver anniversary festivity is a major event for the chapter as it is the first-ever chapter that is incorporated to the nationwide association of certified real estate brokers.

Coyco says all of its founding members and past presidents since 1980 would join the celebration. With the objective of making this milestone celebration also a homecoming, Coyco is inviting all REBAPers—current and former members—to come and join this affair. The event promises to be fun with sumptuous dinner, a walk down memory lane program and all night dancing.

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Dish 1st anniversary bash today

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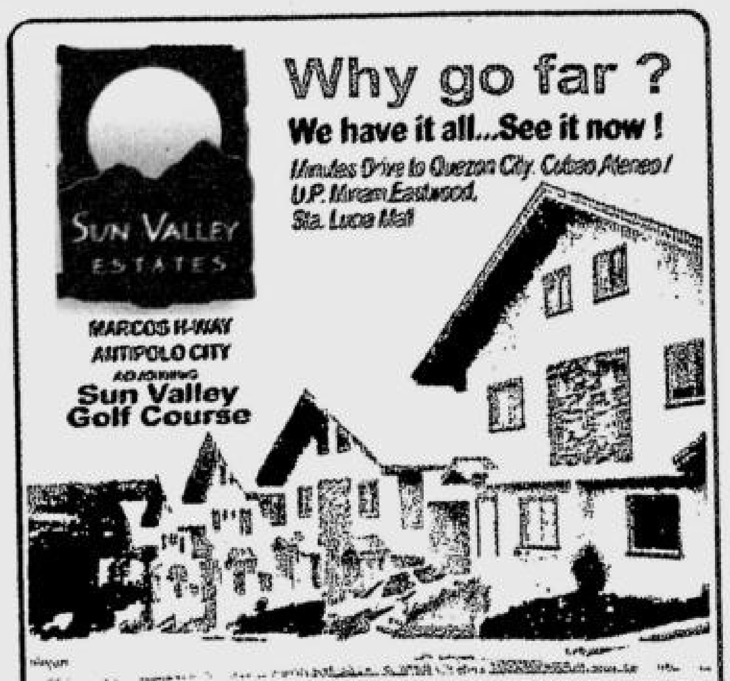

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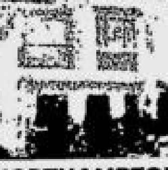

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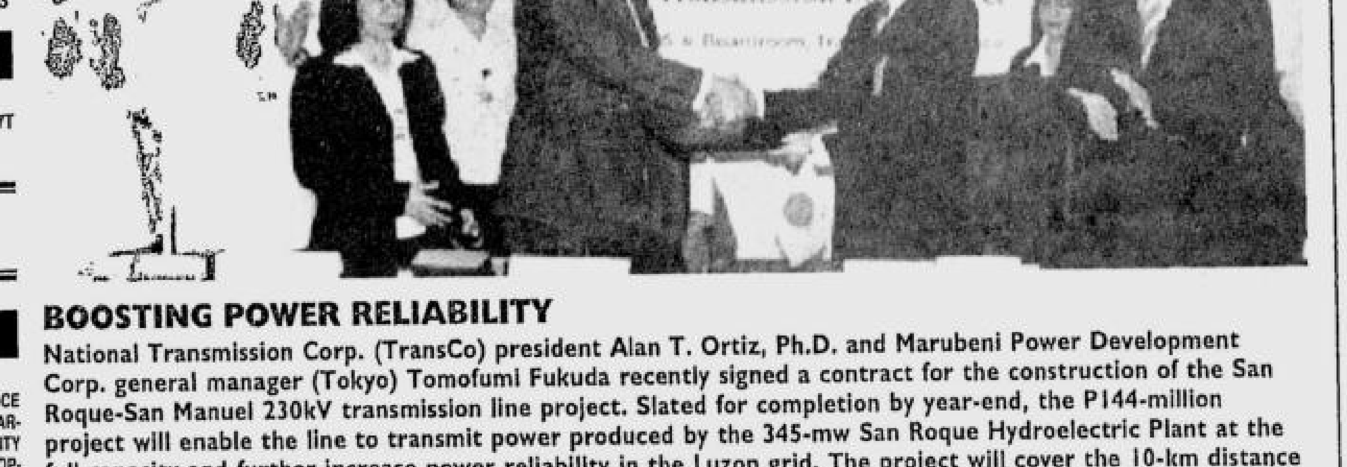

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Woman finds fortune in Faeries

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on the fifth floor needed to be noticed.

On her to-do list were the holding of fairy tale reading sessions for kids on weekends, and art workshops by Fine Arts UP professor, Bim Bacaltos, who also did the mural for the store.

"What we're doing is, we're trying to create awareness ... for the store. We ... try to entice people into coming to Walter Mart and visiting the fifth floor," said Peggy.

Peggy noticed that shoppers flock to the mall on weekdays. But on weekends, people only tend to go to the supermarket on the second floor. So she thought of doing these activities for kids on a continuing basis.

Products for men, too

On sale at Sylphs are colognes, hand and body moisturizers, hand sanitizers and cosmetics—all formulated by Peggy. Each set has different scents.

What's surprising is that she also has a line of products for men, too, which she called the Freshman honors' class. These consist of cologne, perfume and bath products.

The store also offers a refilling station, where people can purchase products at less than half their original price, so long as they bring their Faeries containers with them.

There are also hand crafted earrings and pendants, and novelty items like pixie dust, candle holders, clocks, figurines and hand painted T-shirts designed by artists.

Asked what she wanted to pop into people's minds once Faeries store was mentioned, Peggy said: I'd like them to think of a place na *medyo iba* [somewhat different]."

She added that she would want people to think of her products not just as commodities, but as things with "mystical" properties.

"That's why I keep on asking people who come, 'O, how do you find it, how do you like the store?'" she said. "I want [the customers] to feel good about coming in."

Sometimes she tells people that they don't have to buy anything. They can just come in and try the products, she said.

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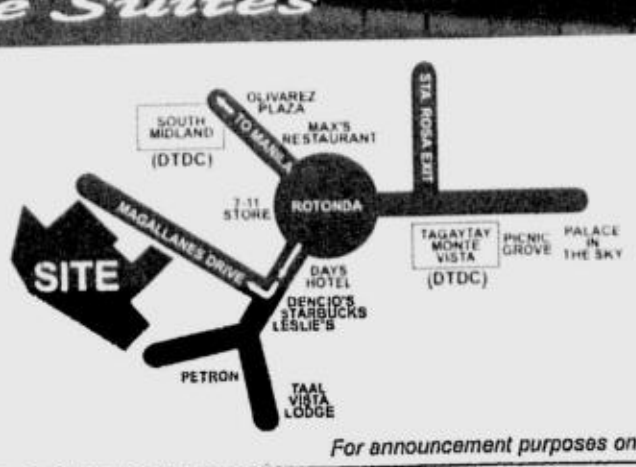

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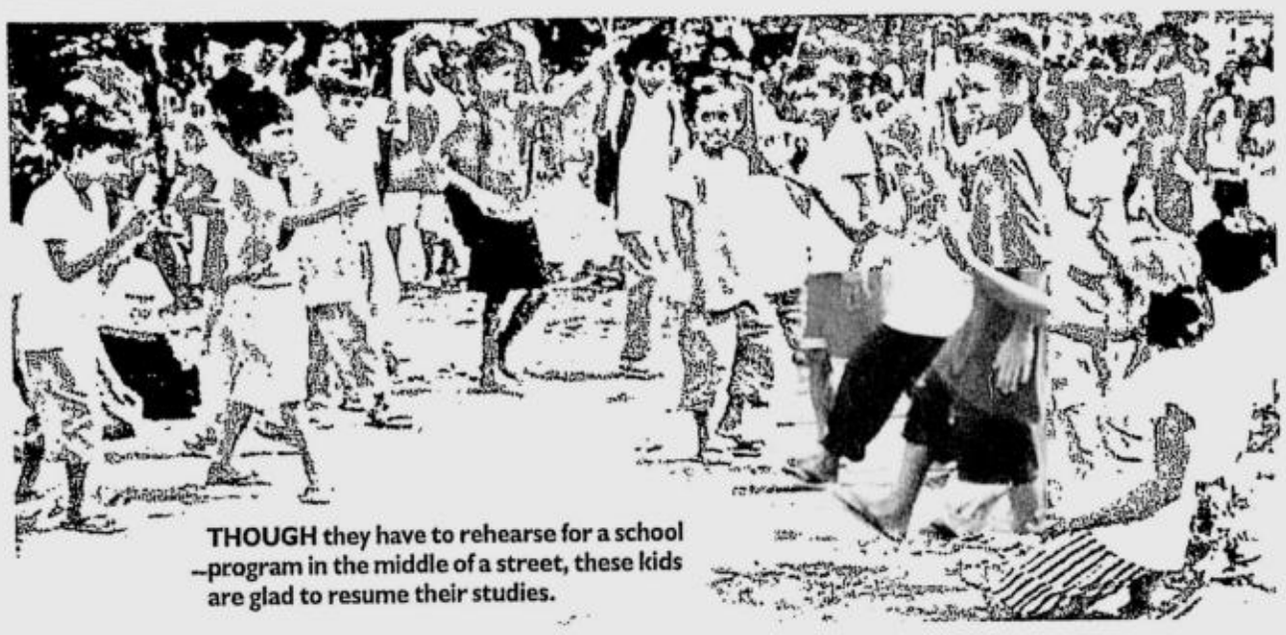

THOUGH they have to rehearse for a school program in the middle of a street, these kids are glad to resume their studies.

'Arming' Mindanao's youth

Text and photos by Linda B. Bolido

QUIETLY, without guns and bombs, another war is being waged in Mindanao. Concerned and committed adults are intent on "arming" the youth of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), providing them with the most potent weapon any person could have-education.

After all, that knowledge is power is as true today as it was centuries ago when Francis Bacon first expressed the thought.

In many parts of Mindanao, particularly

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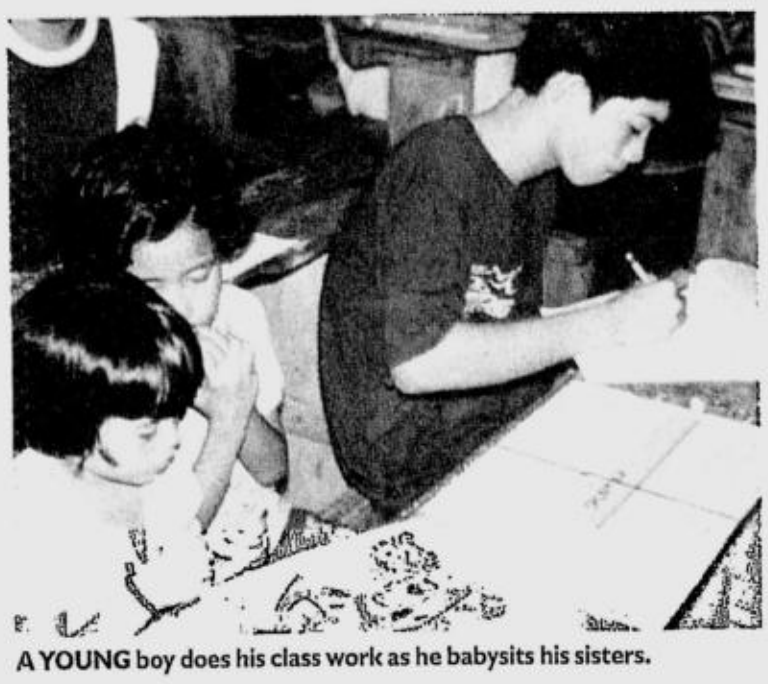

A YOUNG boy does his class work as he babysits his sisters.

FROM drawing guns and gunmen, children have started to draw happier images.

SCHOOL officials from different ARMM provinces at the launch of Knowledge Channel in Maguindanao MANDY NAVASERO

'Arming' Mindanao youth

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central and northern, the intermittent armed conflict is putting more families below the poverty line and causing more children and youth to leave school. From March 2000 to January 2001, the war displaced almost close to a million Filipinos. It also destroyed houses, schools and other infrastructure. And often, even before these so-called internally displaced persons (IDP) could return to whatever was left of their homes, fighting would break out anew.

EdTV

Early this year, the Knowledge Channel Foundation, Inc. (KCFI), a corporate social responsibility arm of the Lopez Group of Companies, led a group of non-governmental organizations, private enterprises, local and national government agencies and foreign donors in simple ceremonies that launched educational television in Datu Paglas, Maguindanao. Knowledge Channel, the first and only 24-hour all-educational cable channel in the Philippines, aims to help facilitate learning in underserved areas of Mindanao with the aid of television.

The three-year project known as Team (Television Education for the Advancement of Muslim Mindanao) introduced educational TV to the municipality's public schools. After three years, it is expected that Knowledge Channel will reach other parts of ARMM-Lanao del Sur, Marawi City, Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-tawi.

Partnering with KFCI in this project are the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Alliance of Mindanao Off-grid Renewable Energy (AMORE), Synergeia Foundation, Inc., Notre Dame Foundation, Inc., Datu Paglas community, Cotabato Cable TV Network, Inc. and Sultan Cable Systems, Inc.

Appropriate

Datu Paglas was a most appropriate choice as launching pad for the program. The former war zone has gradually transformed itself into a peaceful, progressive community and major banana exporter through the initiative of former mayor and Ten Outstanding Young Men award recipient Datu Ibrahim "Toto" Paglas II.

All partners acknowledged that education was critical in sustaining the gains achieved by the town, named after the former mayor's father, and that there was a need to encourage similarly situated communities to replicate the efforts and to ensure that future generations will no longer see violence as the way to redress their grievances.

Rina Lopez-Bautista, KCFI executive director, said Team Mindanao was an "alliance of organizations (that) believe in education as the key (to progress and development)... an alliance that speaks of hope and passion and love for a better Philippines and a better world."

Scott Bellard of the United States embassy, lauding the project, said education was real power and assured support for Team Mindanao saying President George W. Bush's administration was committed to education. Thomas J. Kral, chief, USAID office of education, said the project represented an alliance of public and private groups both in the US and the Philippines.

Datu Paglas Mayor Abubakar "Totoy" Paglas welcomed Team Mindanao. He noted that the performance of ARMM students was very low compared to other parts of the country. He said education was needed to accelerate progress in the region.

Paglas II underscored the need to educate the students in Muslim Mindanao so they would promote peace and shun violence. He said education would help prevent young people from becoming terrorists.

The Knowledge Channel has been brought to some 1,400 public schools in the country, benefiting about 2.5 million students every year and some six million cable subscribers. A total of 11,341 teachers and principals had also been trained. In areas without electricity, AMORE powers the equipment by installing energy-generating solar panels. ABS-CBN, Sky Cable and First Philippine Holdings arrange for the installation of satellite dishes in areas where cable service is not yet available.

ELEMENTARY school students in Datu Paglas watch a satellite broadcast of supplementary lessons. MANDY NAVASERO

> Knowledge Channel is one of the latest groups to aim to help facilitate learning in underserved areas in southern Philippines

Other initiatives

Prior to KCFI's foray into strife-torn southern Philippines, several other initiatives have already been launched designed to lead Mindanao's young people away from a life of violence and conflict. Two of the more distinctive programs, under the Philippine Out-of-School Children and Youth Development (POSCYD) Project, were undertaken by the Community and Family Services International (CFSI) and Notre Dame Foundation for Charitable Activities, Inc. Women in Enterprise Development (NDFCAI-WED).

CFSI, a Philippine-based non-profit, social development organization, worked with more than 6,000 families in parts of Mindanao affected by the war. More than 3,000 of those families were in evacuation centers in ARMM and Region XII, consisting of Lanao del Norte, North Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat.

CFSI's activity was centered at Barangay Inug-ug, Pagalungan, Maguindanao. A survey in 2002 of Inug-ug (Maguindanao term for duhat) children found that more than a fourth were not in school due to poverty and displacement by the war.

Students had to walk from two to seven kilometers to get to the school in the town center, as the family did not have enough money for fare. With food also inadequate, the children not only did not have the money for transport but were also physically unfit to walk to school.

High dropout rate

Statistics from the Department of Education (DepEd) showed that the dropout rate from Grade I to VI was 70 percent, with almost 38 percent of students leaving school between Grades I and II.

CFSI launched Arms Are for Hugging, a sub-project designed to give at least one-year's worth of basic education to out-of-school children in Inug-ug who dropped out because of the protracted war.

The NGO also built a school, the Inug-ug Elementary School, on an old farmland donated by local businessman Kellen R. Murray. Though the school gets flooded after a heavy rain, for the children, negotiating the muddy path was still better than walking two to seven kilometers to the town center.

Literacy is one of the major thrusts of NDFCAI-WED, the community extension arm of the College of Commerce of Notre Dame University and now part of the Notre Dame Foundation for Charitable Activities, Inc. Its Responsive Education and Accreditation Program for Children and Youth in Mindanao (Reach-Mindanao) has come up with a non-formal education (NFE) package using modules from DepEd's Bureau of Non-formal Education.

At the end of the instruction, beneficiaries can take DepEd's accreditation and equivalency (A&E) test that would determine if learners were qualified to receive the equivalent of an elementary or high school diploma.

Other participants could return to the formal school system by taking the Philippine Education Placement Test (PEPT) that would determine at what level they should start from.

NDFCAI-WED had 12 teachers or instruction managers (IMs) conducting classes primarily in barangays of Cotabato City and the towns of Sultan Kudarat and Sultan sa Barongis in Maguindanao.

Evacuees

In Cotabato, many participants were evacuees, coming to the city to move away from the line of fire. Several had been out of the formal school system for as long as five years. Some of them, in fact, according to one teacher: "*Hindi na marunong humawak ng* ballpen."

As classes were conducted in the learners' communities, they often turned into spectator activities with barangay officials, parents and other community members kibitzing as kids went through their paces. Some parents would even yell at their children from the sidelines, "*Sumagot ka, sumagot ka!*" In one class, a boy had to bring two younger siblings he was babysitting.

Like Team Mindanao, the other education initiatives also relied on broad support to achieve their objectives. Sometimes the assistance needed was as major as a lot to build a school on or as modest as transport fare to enable learners to go to their classes.

FLOODED school in Inug-ug is still much better than walking 2-7 km to the town center of Pagalungan.

PNU hosts multimedia educational center

THE PHILIPPINE Normal University now hosts a new multi-media center called the Bato Balani eLearning Resource that intends to improve classroom teaching.

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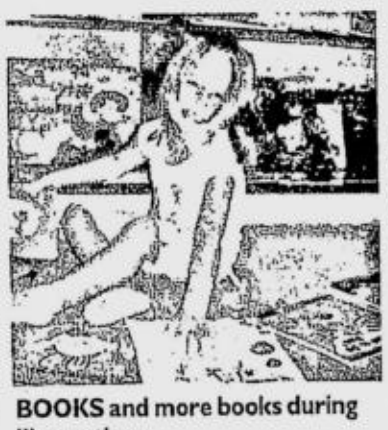

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Cynthia Gonzalez, the school's director, says they use the developmental interaction approach that integrates and simplifies learning concepts for children.

Emotional education

Another key concept in "Amazing Me" is learning about feelings and emotions.

Feelings are powerful things in young children and can sometimes be confusing, Gonzalez says. A teacher's positive intervention is key to understanding the intensity of feelings:

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Creative education

Literacy skills are strengthened as teachers show children that what they learn about themselves can be said, what is said can be written, and what is written can be read.

Children unlock the key to world of language as their natural curiosity leads to questions. The teachers are there to help them find the answers.

Their curiosity will be directed at experiments, books, creative play, art and crafts. This way, ideas and concepts can be brought down to the level of experience for the child—an experience that involves as many senses as possible.

After experience comes sharing. Children are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas. They are also taught to listen and be heard. As they feel listened to and valued, they are able to build their confidence and overcome their shyness.

Know that they will not be judged and that their thoughts and feelings are respected, they will experience a newfound freedom to express themselves in all aspects, be it in music, in stories, in dance, in science, or in any art medium. Thus creativity is nurtured.

The "Amazing Me" learning unit wraps up with the "Amazing Me Book." Through arts and crafts and music, the children can compile a book about themselves. The book may contain their favorite food, toy, book, song, game/activity, drawing, shape, color, movie expressed through drawings, paintings, collages etc.

Childstart's "Amazing Me" as a learning theme has touched on all areas of a child's development: cognitive, social, emotional, physical and creative. The theme cuts across all subject areas from reading, language, math, motor skills, arts, crafts, music and movement.

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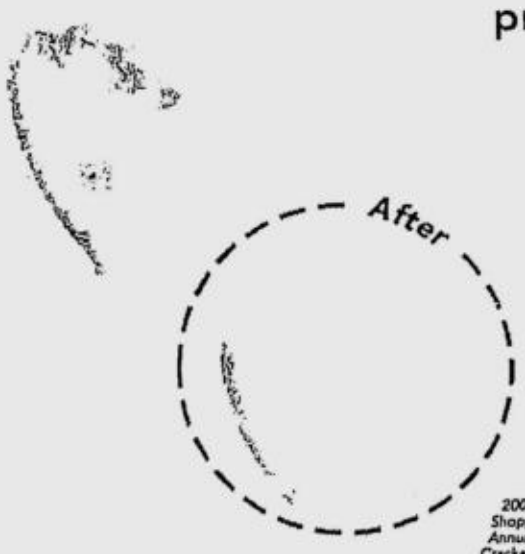

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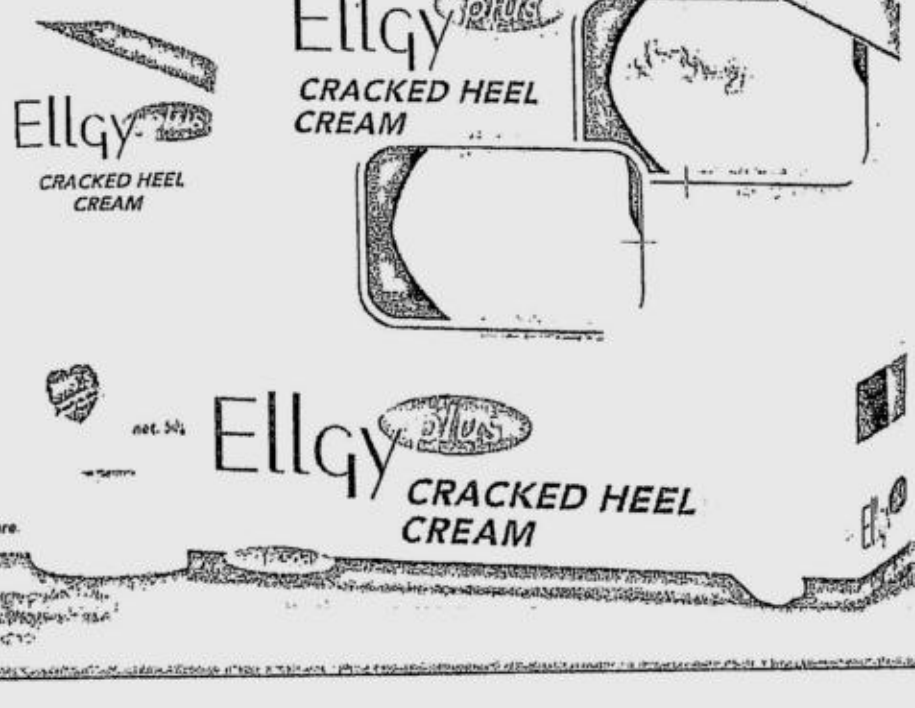

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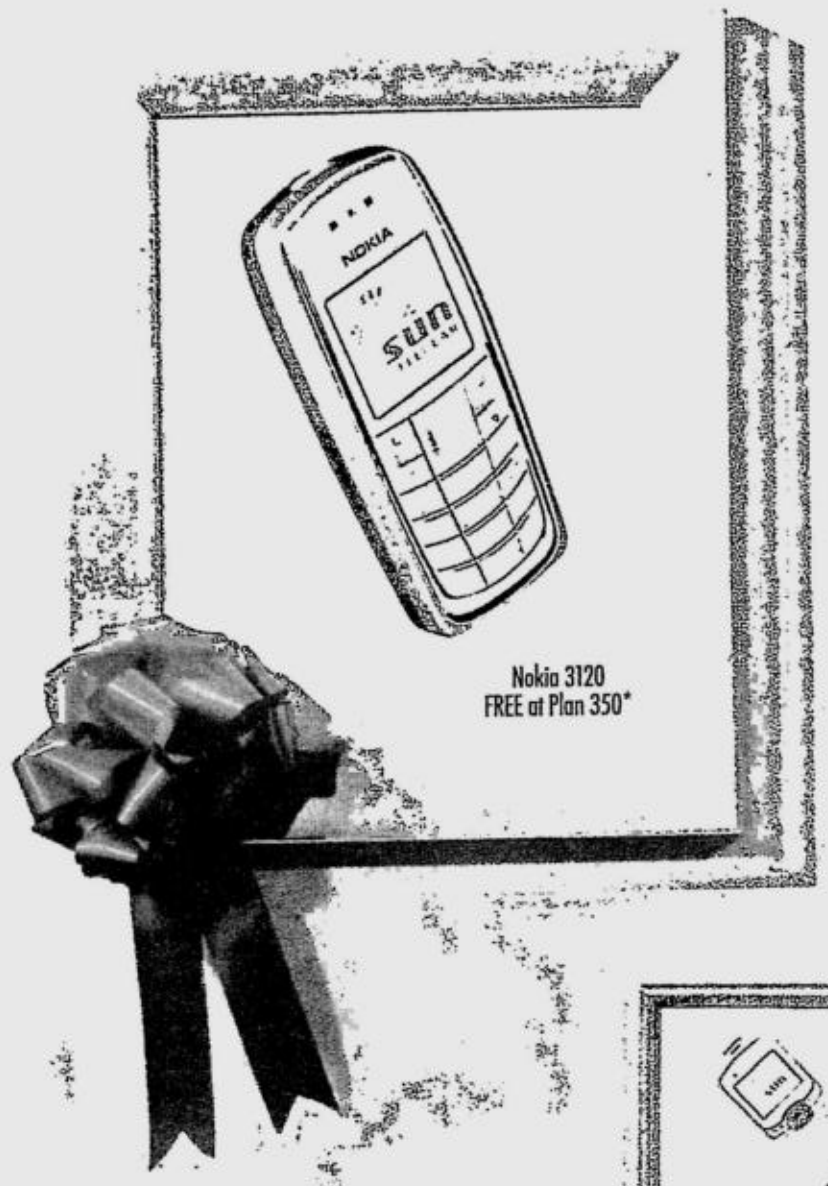

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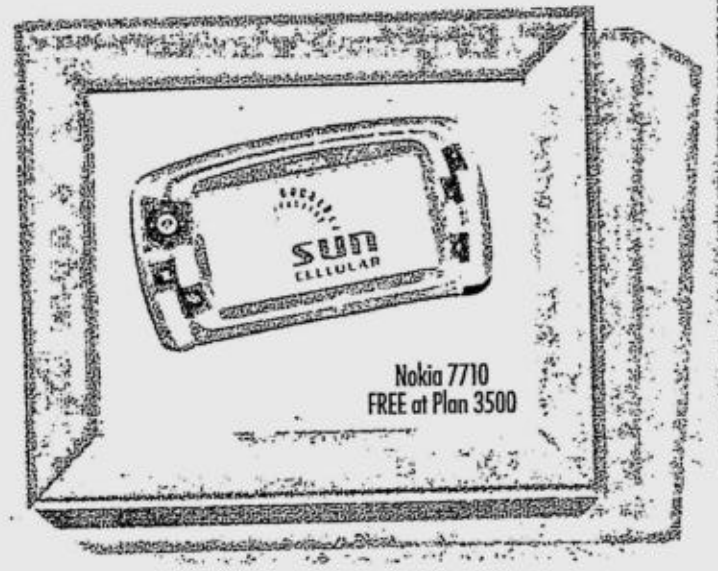

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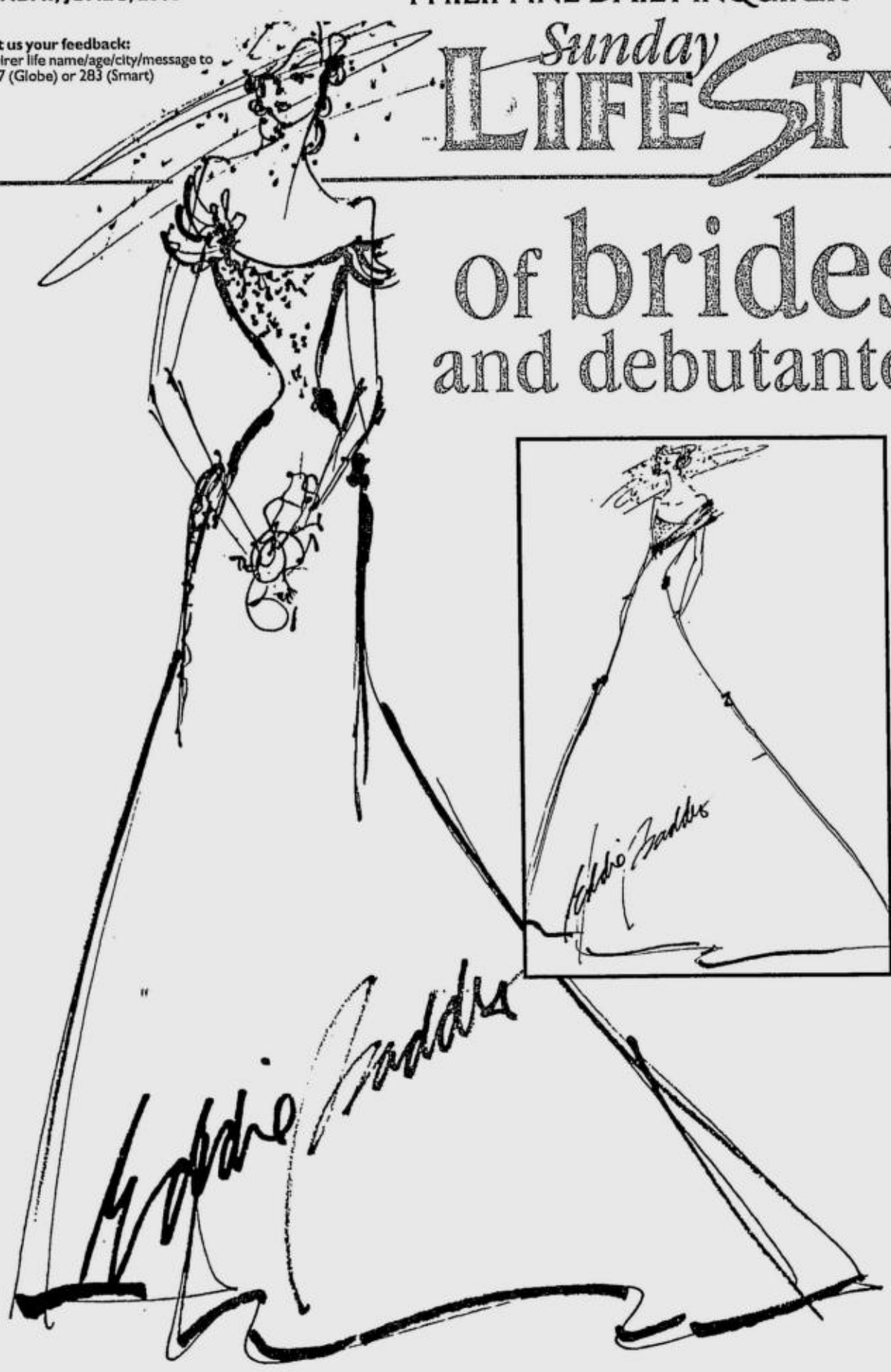

FASHION designer Eddie Baddeo will showcase his latest bridal collection on June 11 at the Centennial Hall of Manila Hotel.

"The Bride and Debutante Walk, Show and Exhibit" will once again demonstrate Baddeo's creativity through several bridal gowns and wedding ensembles. The items will display the designer's expertise in embellishment and detailing.

Baddeo has established a reputation as a craftsman with an unorthodox approach to haute couture. His mastery of ornamentation and construction is best demonstrated in his bridal pieces that display surprising delicacy, restraint and refinement.

Every wedding gown with the Baddeo label are also designed for elegance and comfort. The designer said utmost comfort should always be the hallmark of every wedding gown, no matter how fashionable or sophisticated. A bride could only walk confidently if she felt at ease in what she was wearing.

For this reason, Baddeo said he did not make bridal gowns that looked like costumes. Bridal gown should reflect the wearer's personality and highlight her physical attributes.

"The Bride and Debutante Walk, Show and Exhibit" is sponsored by Marife Argana Espeleta and Vice Mayor Lourdes S. Cataquiz of Sampaguita Savings Bank of San Pedro, Laguna. It is produced by Blessed Concepts Production under the direction of Raymond Villanueva. Image styling is by Eric Maningat of Studio 546.

The invitational show is for the benefit of street children under the care of Kanlungan Homes in Malate.

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THE COUPLE with maid of honor VJ and best man Nikko

FOR STOCK-MARKET trader Edmarc Salandanan Barbin and Dr. Jennifer de Castro Fernando, their solemn yet romantic wedding recently was a fitting culmination to a beautiful eight-and-a-half-year courtship.

Fathers Apolinario Ty, SSS, Sebastian Luistro, SSS, and Juancho Ramos, SSS, officiated at the Christ the King Church in Greenmeadows

It was love at first sight for Marc, who initially met Jen at a mutual friend's debut. And he became her first and only boyfriend.

The apple of her parents' eyes, Jen was chaperoned on their dates and had to be home by midnight. Marc had to prove their relationship would not affect her studies (she graduated cum laude with an accelerated biology degree from the University of Santo Tomas and later took up medicine in the same school).

Jen recalled that Marc, after a year of going steady, proposed marriage. But the wedding was put on hold for seven years. She passed the medical board examination and he got a stable and rewarding job during that time.

The bride, the only daughter of Doctors Edgardo and Caridad (née de Castro) Fernando, was radiant in a strapless gown with detachable train by Rajo Laurel, with three-dimensional embroidery at the hem and across the body and silk flowers fastened at the back. She wore jewelry from Naomi designed by Joel Paguio.

Dashing

The groom, eldest son of Mary Martha Salandanan Barbin, was dashing in a *piña* barong.

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Carl Nichol S. Barbin was best man while the bride's bosom friend, Dr. Vermie Jean Florendo, was maid of honor. Jenny Isabel Labiano, Anna Liza Martirez and Mary Ann Santos were bridesmaids while Dr. Gian Carlo Fernando, the bride's only brother, and Armando Virrey III and Jesus Joseph Aldea, the groom's buddies at the Ateneo de Manila University, were groomsmen. Their junior counterparts were Paolo Miguel Barbin and Karen Capili.

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WITH THE BRIDE'S family

Reception was held at the main ballroom of the Mandarin Hotel in Makati, which was decorated by Notes and Flowers. Bernie Pasamba Music Consultancy, joined by a soprano and a tenor who also sang at the church, played during dinner. Dondi Virrey and the groom's cousin, TJ Labiano, also sang during dinner.

Toasts

A brief program after dinner featured a video presentation and a toast by the groom's brothers, Nikko and Paolo, and the bride's brother, Carlo. Paolo, a fourth grader, delivered an emotional speech he himself wrote, moving his *kuya* and some guests to tears.

The 300 guests were mostly family members and close friends led by grandmothers Dr. Luisita Reyes-de Castro, Fe Tanchanco Fernando, Lucy Jimenez-Salandanan and grandaunt Corazon de Castro-Joya.

The wedding, the first for both families, was meticulously planned starting with the *pamanhikan* in 2003.

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Bridal fair to be held June 11-12

IN LINE Events and Blessed Concepts Production, together with the Manila Hotel, is holding "Weddings and Celebrations" on June 11-12, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., at the Centennial Hall of Manila Hotel.

WEDDING gown by Alessandro Sy

The event brings together wedding suppliers and bridal fashion designers. It is sponsored by Crossover 105.1, Joey 92.3, Jam88.3, Magic 89.9, Final Cut, Tyras Marketing, The Wedding Library, Authentic Noiz, Marife Agana Espeleta of Sampaguita Savings Bank of Laguna, Krislans Catering Services and JP Latex Technology.

At 8 p.m. on June 11, "The Bride's Walk" fashion show will feature creations of Boying Eustaquio, Barge Ramos, Eddie Baddeo, Leonard Co, Linoi, Drezzee by Cherrie Carriaga, Wedding Ensembles by Malou Carpio-Lacson, Ysabelle by Lawrence Lao, Joel Pros, Susie Bonaobra of Trends Wedding Shoppe, Mia Barlaan, Rabacca Gowns, Alessandro Sy, Nomer Cerbito, Michelle Lim, Jonathan Pagaduan, Millet Guinto of Design Avenue, Ruel Rivera, and ESY Creations by Emily Sy.

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The fashion show is conceptualized and directed by Raymond Villanueva. Part of proceeds will go to an institution helping street children in Metro Manila.

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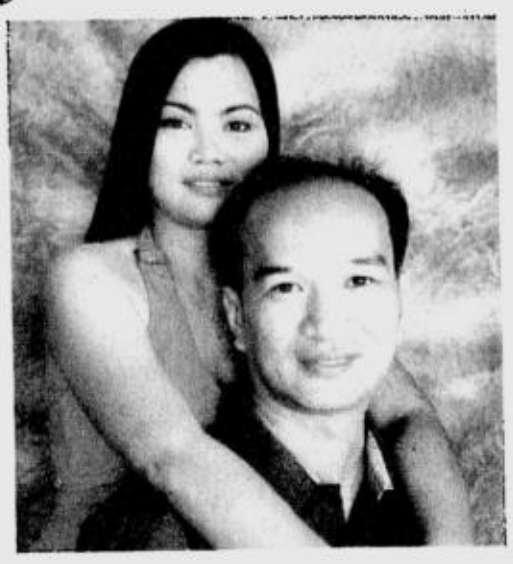
Milestones

KIUNISALA-BARZAGA

Kenneth Salvador T. Kiunisala, son of **Frederick** and **Lourdes Kiunisala**, wed **Katrina G. Barzaga**, daughter of lawyers **Cesar** and **Lourdes Barzaga**, yesterday at National Shrine of the Sacred Heart in San Antonio Village, Makati City.

Reception will follow at Coconut Palace, CCP Complex, Manila. **Cecilio Abad** designed the bridal gown.



ALCARIOTO-SALAZAR

Warren S. Alcarioto, son of **Florencio** and **Angelita Alcarioto**, will wed **Lynn D. Salazar**, daughter of **Alfredo Jr.** and **Rosalina Salazar**, on June 18, at the Sacred Heart Parish, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga. Reception will be held at Angeles Peking House Banquet Hall.

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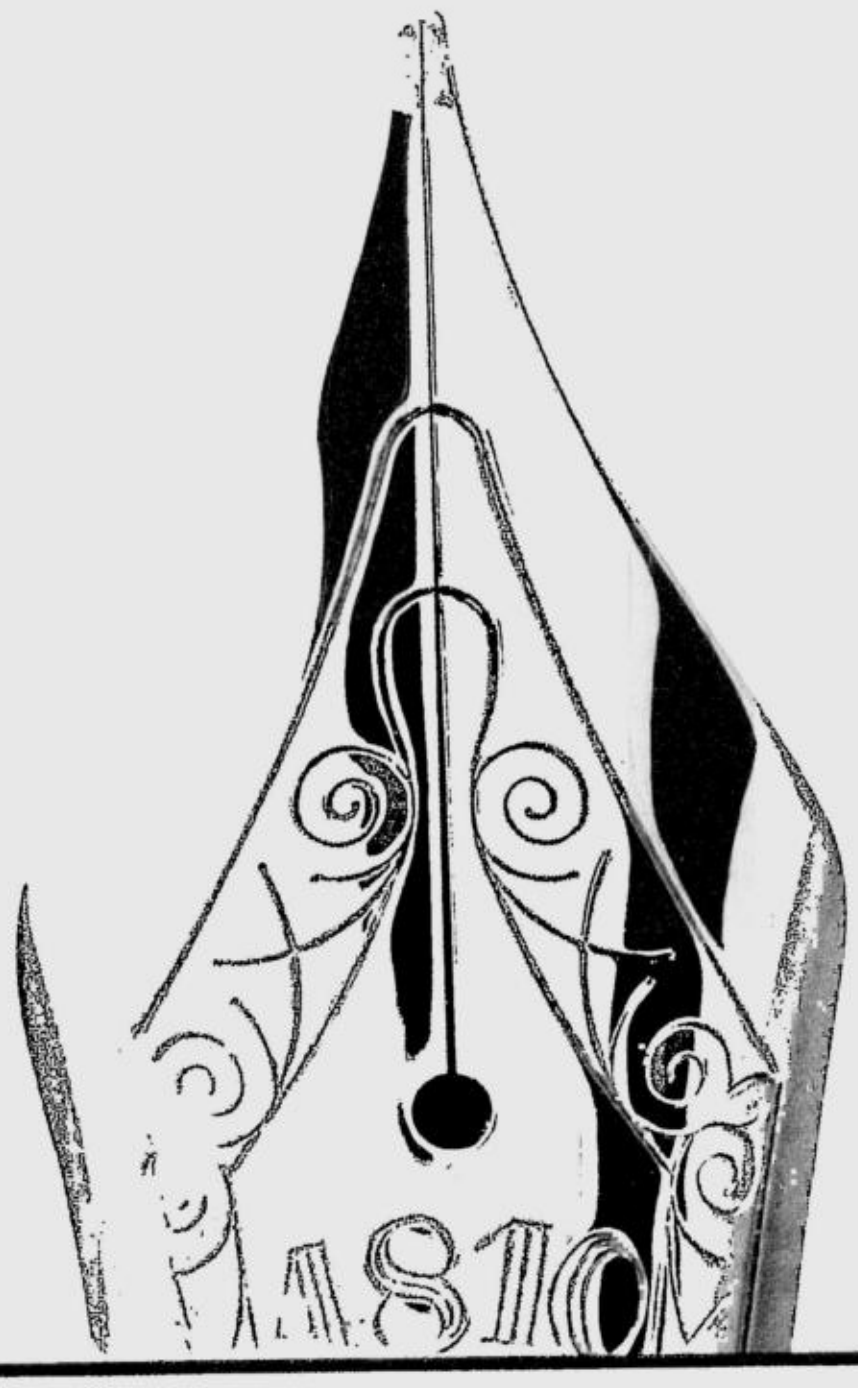

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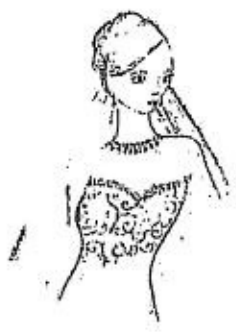

VITAN-CORPUZ

Jacque Joseph "Jake" Julius Vitan, son of Mr. and Ms **Edwin Vitan**, and **Maria Consolacion "Mhac" V. Corpuz**, will exchange marriage vows at Parish of Immaculate Conception, Tayuman, Tondo, Manila, on Aug. 27. Reception will follow at Bayview Park Hotel, Makati. The bride will wear a gown designed by **Christopher Magboo** and created by **Babes Oceo Maingat.**

SEQUITO GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Felix and **Nanie Sequito** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 25. Their children offered a thanksgiving Mass officiated by Fr. **Ernesto Bendita** at the St. Rita Chapel in Philam Homes, Quezon City. Reception followed at Cabalen, West Avenue, QC.

VILLAREAL GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Dr. **Rodolfo Villareal** and **Amelia Sulit-Villareal**, will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a renewal of marriage vows on June 18 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Tagaytay City. Their children **Roy, Amy, Alma Chan** and **Arlene Mott** will be the sponsors.

BATHAN-TOLOSA

Sherwin M. Bathan, son of **Isagani** and **Perla Bathan**, will wed **Joanne Marie G. Tolosa**, daughter of **Jeffrey B. Tolosa** (deceased) and **Ma. Elena G. Tolosa**, on June 23, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Church. Reception will be at Plantation Bay Resort and Spa. **Jun Escario** designed the bridal gown.

Kris Aquino: The New Face Of Araneta Center

Araneta Center in Quezon City has once again turned into a glittering shopping paradise, most especially with the addition of the posh Gateway Mall. But the retail and entertainment giant isn't about to rest on its laurels and is intent on giving its rival shopping centers a run for their money. Part of Araneta Center's efforts to regain lost glory is the recent signing of Kris Aquino as its celebrity endorser.

Kris loves being the face of Araneta Center, which, aside from Gateway, also includes Ali Mall, and Farmers Plaza, offering the widest range of shopping, dining and entertainment in the metropolis.

"It's so accessible from my place of work," says Kris *(shown here with Stella Marquez De Araneta and Araneta Group Vice Chair and ninang Judy Araneta-Roxas)*, who spends most of her time at the ABS-CBN compound in Quezon City. "I'm sure a lot of shoppers feel the same, especially with the MRT and LRT 2 access."

Among the stores in Araneta Center, a favorite of Kris is Taco Bell at Gateway Mall. "I'm so happy that I can now enjoy my favorite tacos anytime I feel like it! Unlike before when I could only do so whenever I visit the United States."

A movie buff, Kris is all praises when it comes to Gateway

Cineplex 10, which showcases state-of-the-art sound system, the country's largest theater with the widest screen, a one-of-a-kind cinema lobby skylight and the world's first and only La-Z-Boy theater.

(from left) Antonio Mardo, Property Manager of Gateway Mall, Ted Asuncion, President and COO of Araneta Center with Kris Aquino and her manager Dondon Monteverde celebrate her new role as spokesperson for Araneta Center.

Gateway Mall, so named because it aspires to be the main corridor for all shoppers in Metro Manila, is home to the world's biggest names in upscale retailing and dining including Mango, Rustan's, Lacoste, Italianni's, Marks & Spencer, and very soon, Wolfgang Puck and Mandarin Oriental Café & Deli.

Gateway Mall marks Araneta Center's bid to become the ultimate lifestyle destination: striking, vibrant and alive with 24-hour activity; the new face of style for the entire metropolis. And who better to represent the Center's renaissance than the always-stylish Kris Aquino!

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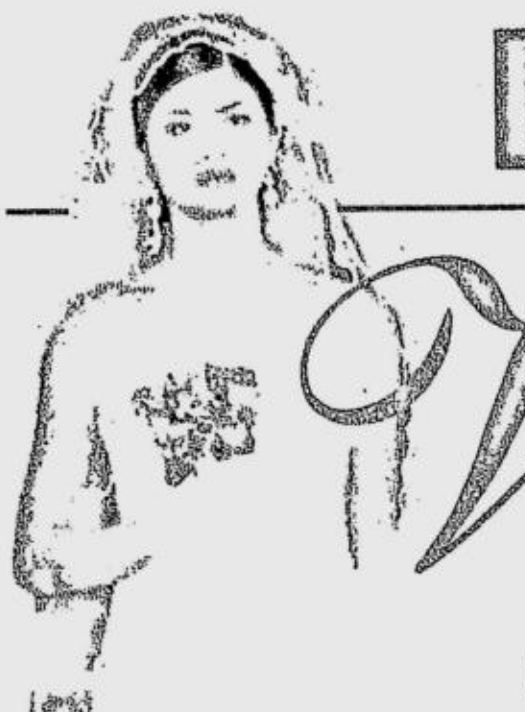

Wedding bells in Iloilo

Frederick Peralta joins Ilonggo designers in a fashion show to kick off Robinsons Place Iloilo's bridal fair

DITAS Taleon and Joseph Sian, officers of Robinsons Visayas, with INQUIRER society columnist Maurice Arcache, Ilonggo designer Bo Parcon and his bridal creation

FREDERICK Peralta

By Alex Y. Vergara

VETERAN fashion designer Frederick Peralta recently shared the stage with nine Iloilo-based designers in "Wedding Rituals," a bridal fashion show at the fountain area of Robinsons Place Iloilo.

The afternoon event kicked off the mall's ongoing bridal fair, which ends June 11. Aside from featuring the province's best designers, "Wedding Rituals" is also a venue for engaged couples to choose the best hotels, caterers, photographers, florists, gift shops, real-estate companies and even gyms to help them during the big day and beyond.

Spearheading the affair were mall manager Ditas Taleon and Joseph Sian, Robinsons Visayas group GM. INQUIRER's society columnist Maurice Arcache, also an Ilonggo from Bacolod, and Iloilo designer Angelette Borja-Ragus cut the ribbon.

Peralta, through his mom, also traces his roots to Iloilo. He spent his early childhood in the province before moving with his family to Manila when he was 7.

The designer combined his trademark penchant for embellishment with a dash of theatrics to come up with a 13-piece collection consisting of bridal gowns (and a suit!) for every imaginable mood, body type and ethnicity. He also showed a couple of men's suits and barongs fashioned from Indian silk.

Fit for a princess

Peralta's Chinese-inspired wedding gown made of beige and black alaskin, for instance, came with an obi sash and tasseled headdress fit for an empress. Another piece replete with Orientalia had floor-length bell sleeves in

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FREDERICK Peralta, with members of the University of San Agustin Troubadours, takes a bow

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white organdy worn over a mustard gold shift gown made of shantung silk. As if the gown's over-the-top proportions weren't enough, the designer further embellished the white overlay with gold embroidery.

He also offered women options. Those who can't see themselves wearing a dress can go for a mannish off-white suit made of Mikado silk and embellished with lace beadwork in geometric patterns. The suit consisted of a cropped jacket and slim cigarette pants.

On the opposite end of the fashion spectrum, the coquettish bride can go for a pouf and sleeveless mini dress with a décolletage neckline. Peralta also provided options for full-figured women via a strapless, scene-stealing trapeze gown in soft, white leather accented with huge zebra prints made of taupe velvet. Hopefully, those wearing it won't be mistaken by guests for a sofa.

Peralta also drew inspiration from the 1950s to fashion classic pieces such as the empire-cut gown with a detachable train made of Mikado silk. A pair of reversed flaps on the bodice further emphasized the model's lovely face.

A strapless, serpentine number flatters the bride with the classic hour-glass figure. The designer wisely confined embellishments on the skirt, which had mini ruffles and beaded lace appliqué in paisley shapes.

Like his Ilonggo colleagues, Peralta had to rely on the region's local talents, which he said, to his surprise, were driven, fast learners and a diverse lot. In fact, he even convinced several female mannequins to try their luck in Manila either as ramp and commercial models or beauty contestants.

In lieu of canned music, Peralta opted for love songs sung by members of the University of San Agustin Troubadours. Manila-based Ilonggo makeup artist Koala (yes, like Madonna, he can do without a last name) and leading florist Robert Blancaflor helped the designer achieve his vision. Peralta later took a bow wearing an all-white outfit.

Noteworthy talents

A number of Iloilo designers were able to hold their own on the ramp in terms of ideas and workmanship. Among the more noteworthy local talents that night were Bo Parcon, Don Protasio, Jaki Peñalosa, Nonoy Jaranilla and 63-year-old Angellette Borja-Ragus.

Parcon presented a classic three-piece ensemble consisting of a shrug, corset and a floaty, three-layered tulle skirt. The model later removed the shrug, which was actually made of strips of white grosgrain ribbons, to reveal a beaded corset.

At first glance, Protasio seemed to have run out of funds as he opted for a cheap kind of cotton fabric in a dark shade of mocha to fashion his Grecian-inspired number consisting of a series of pleats.

He avoided the usual chiffon, he said, because he didn't want such a luxurious fabric to detract from his vision of a barrio lass in a modified "Maria Clara." Instead of shiny embellishments, he opted for faux pearls and a matte look. Even the model was a bit on the

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ANGELETTE Borja-Ragus, the oldest designer in the group, with her bamboo and organza creation

NONOY Jaranilla

MANDY Salcedo's big fish

CLAIRE Jarantilla

DON Protasio and his idea of a Maria Clara outfit fit for the barrio lass

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hefty side, in keeping perhaps with the designer's statement.

Radical idea

At 63, Borja-Ragus didn't let her advanced years hamper her from coming up with one of the evening's most radical ideas: a corset fashioned from filmy strips of bamboo paired with an A-line skirt made from organza and embellished with beads and bamboo shavings in the shape of paisleys. The same shavings lined the corset.

Despite being made from such a stiff material, the corset managed to achieve an illusion of shape since part of the skirt was also fashioned from bamboo. The designer junked piña in favor of organza because it was stiff enough as a canvass for bamboo shavings.

Peñalosa's fitted piece, which was fashioned from piña and embellished with pearls, was noteworthy for its elegance, wearabilty and versatility. The bride need not slip into a reception dress, as she can later do away with the wrap and emerge in a virtually new outfit.

The same qualities, however, were absent in Mandy Salcedo's hodgepodge of a piece that borrowed silhouettes from the 1950s and tacky excesses of the 1980s.

As if the layered and beaded serpentine skirt that surprisingly fell short wasn't enough, the designer even included a bustle for good measure. Never mind the diaphanous hoodie, but a sheer bodice with nothing but clamshells for a bra top looked simply too much even for the most brazen soul going about a most avant-garde ritual.

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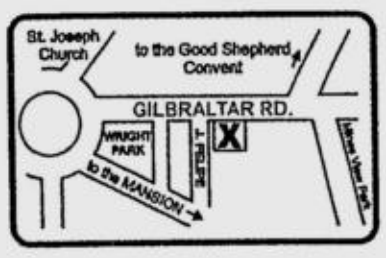

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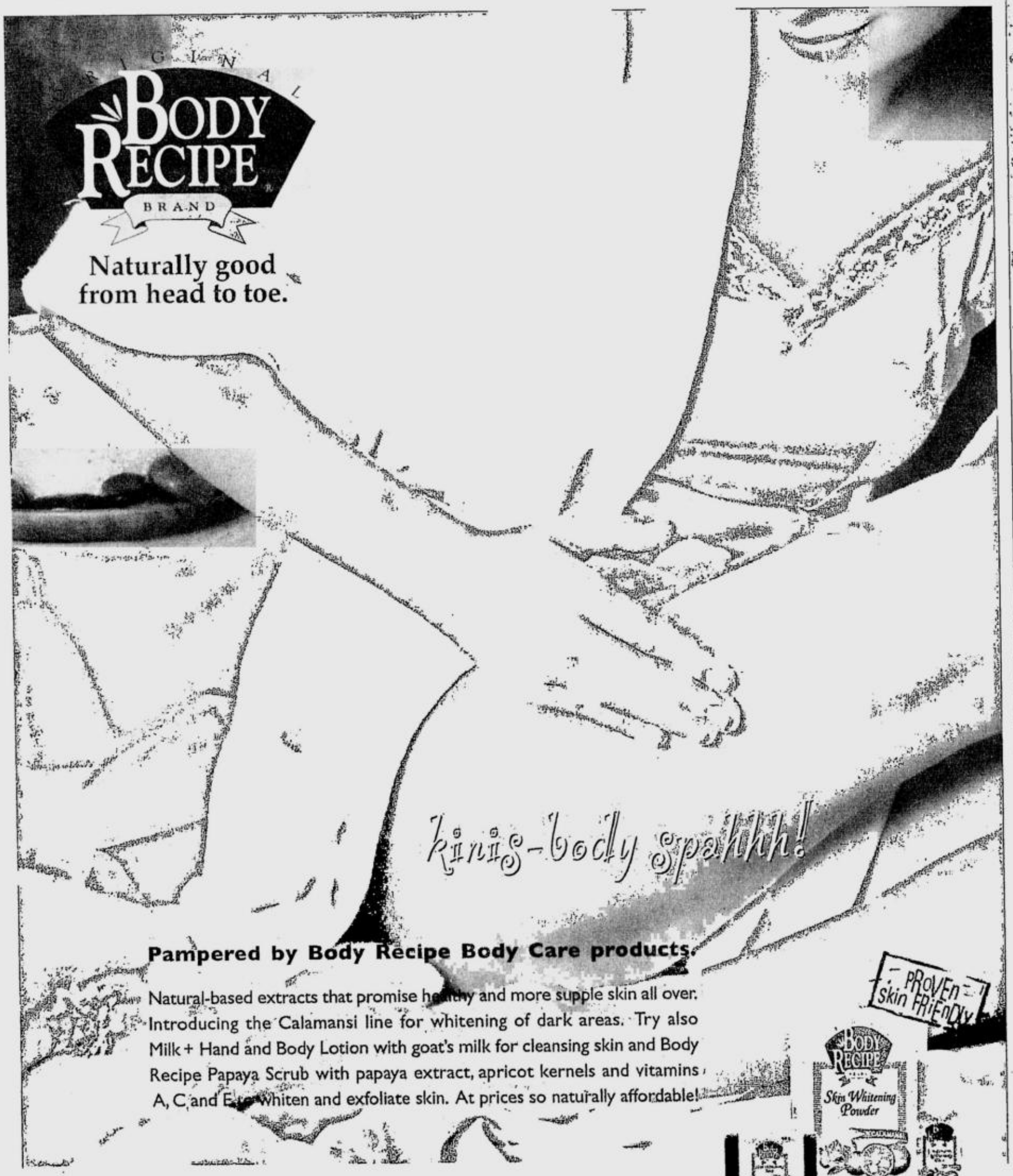

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Pilgrims flock to St. Anthony shrine in Pila

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Josephine Darang

THE FIRST Tuesday of the month is a special day for devotees of St. Anthony de Padua whose shrine in Pila, Laguna, is packed with people who come for the 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses.

They come to ask the help of St. Anthony, called the "miracle worker." With the feast day of the saint on June 13, Novena Masses will begin at 5:30 p.m., June 3, and end at 5:30 p.m., June 11.

Fr. Melchor Barcenas, parish priest and rector of the Diocesan Shrine, is inviting other priests to come and concelebrate the Novena Masses or the fiesta Mass. His cell phone number is 0917-6261672. Those who wish to donate for the ongoing restoration of the church can text him or write to him at St. Anthony de Padua Shrine, Pila, Laguna.

Fiesta Masses will be held at 6 a.m., 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. on June 13, Monday. At 9 a.m. is the Bishop's Mass with Bishop Francisco San Diego as main celebrant. Last Mass is at 5 p.m. Theme of this year's fiesta is "Celebrating the Eucharist with Mary and St. Anthony."

Church history

Cora Relova says the church, founded in 1581, was the first Antonine parish in the Philippines. But the present church is only 210 years old, as it was built on its current site in 1795.

The statue of St. Anthony in the new altar built by furniture maker Arnel Cardinal, from a design by architect Amado de Jesus, was made by Maximo Vicente Sr. in 1912. The altar was donated by Monina Relova Rivera, a niece of Doña Corazon Rivera del Mundo, who taught her grandchildren Cora Relova and Jovita Relova Tomas the devotion to St. Anthony de Padua.

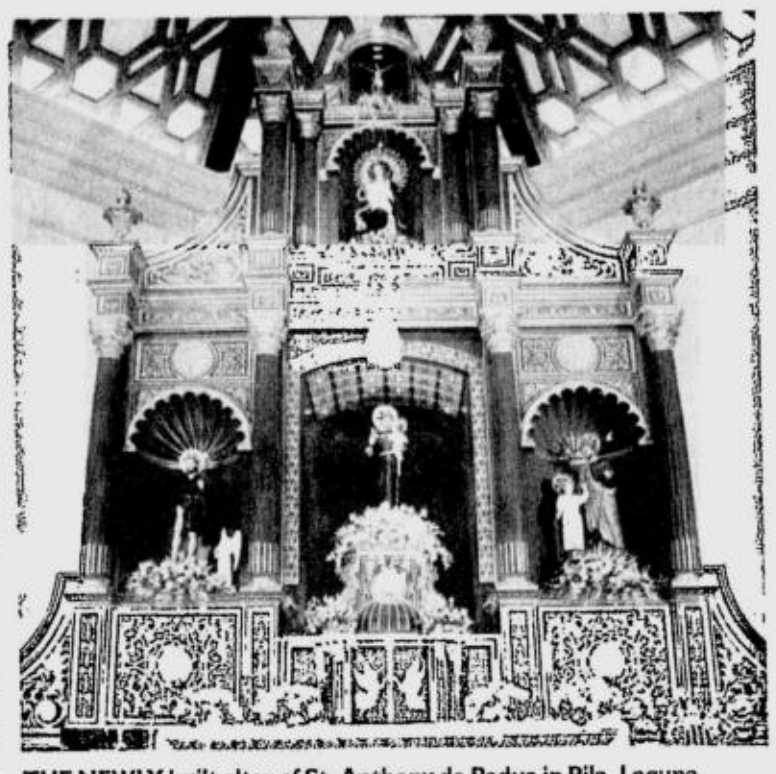
Cora Relova and Father Barcenas worked to gain approval for making the church the diocesan shrine of St. Anthony. Bishop Francisco San Diego dedicated the shrine in 2002. The work was begun by the late Msgr. Renato Cosico, who collected testimonies of miracles wrought by God through the intercession of St. Anthony.

They included the miracle healing of a young girl from Tondo who was comatose for one and a half years. A man from Davao went to the shrine to donate P100,000 in cash without giving his name. He just said St. Anthony helped him.

Those who wish to send testimonies of miracles can e-mail Father Barcenas at frmel_72692@yahoo.com or send a letter by post.

Blessed Margaret

The feast day of Blessed Margaret of Castello is celebrated on June 9, the day when her body was exhumed and found incorrupt. A Triduum of Masses will be held at 6 p.m. from June 6-9 in Sto. Domingo Church preceded by the praying of the Holy Rosary and Novena at 5:30 p.m.



THE NEWLY built altar of St. Anthony de Padua in Pila, Laguna, designed by architect Amado de Jesus and executed by Arnel Cardinal

Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m., Rosary and Novena are also prayed by the Blessed Margaret of Castello Movement led by Bro. Sonny Goquiolay.

History

Blessed Margaret of Castello was officially enshrined at the Sto. Domingo Church in 1987, thus the movement formally started her. Her feast day actually is on April 13, but since the date often coincides with the Lenten Season, it was agreed that her festivities would be officially celebrated June 9, the date when her body was exhumed.

With gratitude, special mention is made of the Dominican Order led by then Fr. Provincial Honorato Castigador, the first spiritual director; ably assisted by Rev. Fr. Edmund Nantes, followed by Rev. Fr. Bobby Pinto, O.P., then Rev. Fr. Greg Gregory and Rev. Fr. Roger Quirao, O.P.

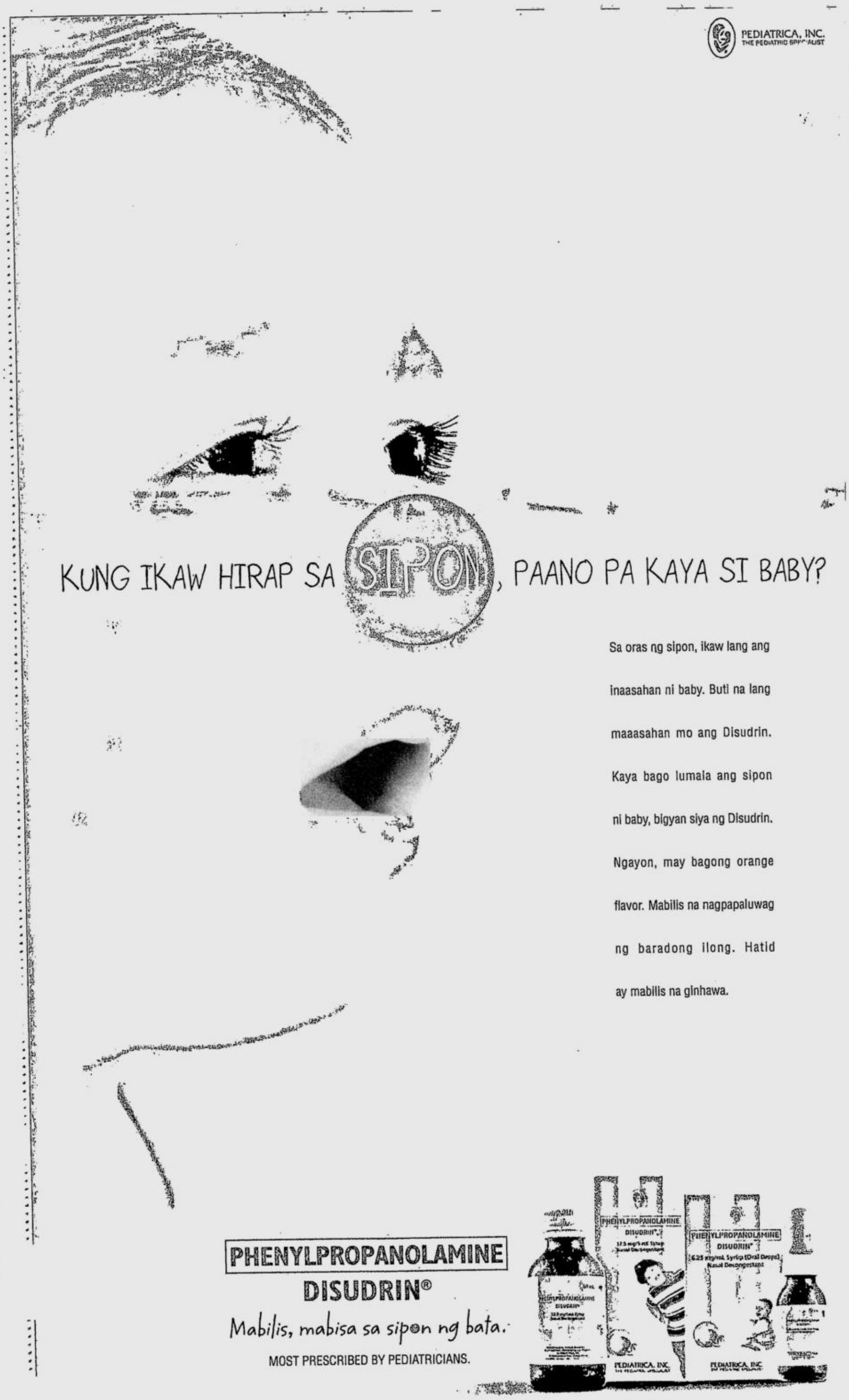
Rev. Fr. Armand Tangi, SSP, helped in the production of statues of BMC. Rev. Fr. Enrico Gonzales was instrumental in inspiring the propagation of devotion to Blessed Margaret of Castello.

The statue of BMC is at the right side of Sto. Domingo Church's main entrance, offering a quiet corner for the devotees who would like to pray to her in silence.

Devotees are invited to join in the movement to honor Blessed Margaret of Castello who is being venerated as patroness of the Pro-Life Movement because she was born blind and a hunchback and was rejected by her own parents who left her in a forest to fend for herself. Please call Bro. Sonny at tel. 7120648.

Healing Mass

People healed as far back as 1994 still attend the Healing Masses of Fr. Diwane Cacao. The next Healing Mass is at 6 p.m., June 6, Monday, at the National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Posadas Village, Muntinlupa City.



Foundation inducts officers

THE OFFICERS of the Rikki J and Friends Foundation Inc. were inducted recently at the Han Tang Tower Club, Philamlife Towers, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City.

Regina Y. Dee, founding president of Inner Peace Foundation, was inducting officer. Inducted into office were Juliana "Belen" Lovina Ticzon-Martel, chair; Ricardo "Rikki" A. Jimenez, president; Maria Rosario "Charo" N. Santos-Concio, vice president; Eugenia "Ningning" J. Muñoz, secretary; and Rebecca "Vicki" J. Lagdameo, treasurer.

Also inducted were the Board of Trustees composed of Ticzon-Martel, Jimenez, Santos-Concio, Muñoz, Lagdameo, Teresita "Tereret" T. Liboro, Carmelo "Mel" T. Chionglo and Ernesto "Ernie" M. Ordoñez.

The short program started with a prayer by Antonio Pastor, followed by the introduction of the foundation by Sylvia Muñoz Ordoñez. Founder Rikki Jimenez delivered a short speech. Former lounge singer Tonet Salcedo rendered three a capella numbers.

Guests included Helen M. Ong, consul of Angola; Fortune A. Ledesma, consul of Monaco; Evie L. Costa, consul of Togo; Rosalinda Orosa; Ophie T. Clemente; Bibsy M. Carballo, Vangie Pascual, Pitang Tiongson, Ric Tiongson, Tony Cajucom, Ben Verdeblanco, Denni Tan, Nitoy M. Ordoñez and Amor Escares.

The Rikki J & Friends Foundation Inc. is a non-stock, nonprofit corporation providing educational, medical, dental, financial and development assistance to the less privileged.

Founder Jimenez was already organizing dental and medical missions in Barangays Ransohan and Barra in Lucena City before he decided to set up the foundation. Through the missions, hundreds of school children were given free medical checkups and medicines.

SYLVIA Ordoñez, Rikki Jimenez and Belen Martel

Sunday LIFESTYLE Home

Safe and sound in silver

By Pam Pastor

SILVER. You've worn it, you've eaten using it and believe it or not, you can now clean your clothes with it.

If you think your old washing machine is still good enough, this might just change your mind.

Samsung Electronics recently launched washing machines that feature Silver Wash, a technology capable of killing 99.9 percent of bacteria in your wash load. Aside from the effective cleaning, they can also coat your clothes with anti-bacterial protection that can last up to 30 days.

Samsung has developed a technology that allows 400 billion nano-sized (one billionth of a meter, or roughly 75,000 times smaller than the width of the human hair) silver ions to directly penetrate fabrics. Thanks to the sterling silver plate that creates and releases Silver Nano ions during washing and rinsing, the washing machines sterilize and sanitize your clothes almost as if you boiled them—minus the wasted energy and without damaging your clothes.

The people behind Samsung Electronics believe that people "should be able to enjoy the benefits of a clean and efficient wash that saves time and energy." Three models that can cater to your different washing needs will be available in the market: the C-1235, the WA-10RAN and the new front load drum washing H-1245.

Angled panel

The H-1245 has an angled display panel, making it easier for you to reach the controls. You can choose the temperature and the spin speed according to your needs. The washtub is slanted for easy loading and unloading, and Silver Wash allows you to add extra laundry even after you've started washing.

Thanks to a trio of technological innovations, the H-1245 has reduced noise and vibration, giving you the pleasurable experience of quiet washing. It has a washing capacity of 10 kg, is equipped with a Child Lock and has a Waterfall Water Turbine program that can get rid of detergent remnants in your clothing.

The Memory Wash feature allows you to save your most frequently used washing course which you can easily access with a touch of a button. The Baby Cotton function helps protect your baby's skin with its sufficient rinsing process, which can eliminate all detergents after washing. As if that's not enough, the H-1245 is also self-cleaning, giving busy individuals extra time.

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This new product portfolio is Samsung's answer to the growing needs of people for a cleaner and healthier home environment. Samsung's Nano technology can remove bacteria, viruses and fungi, kill their cells and controls their ability to breed.

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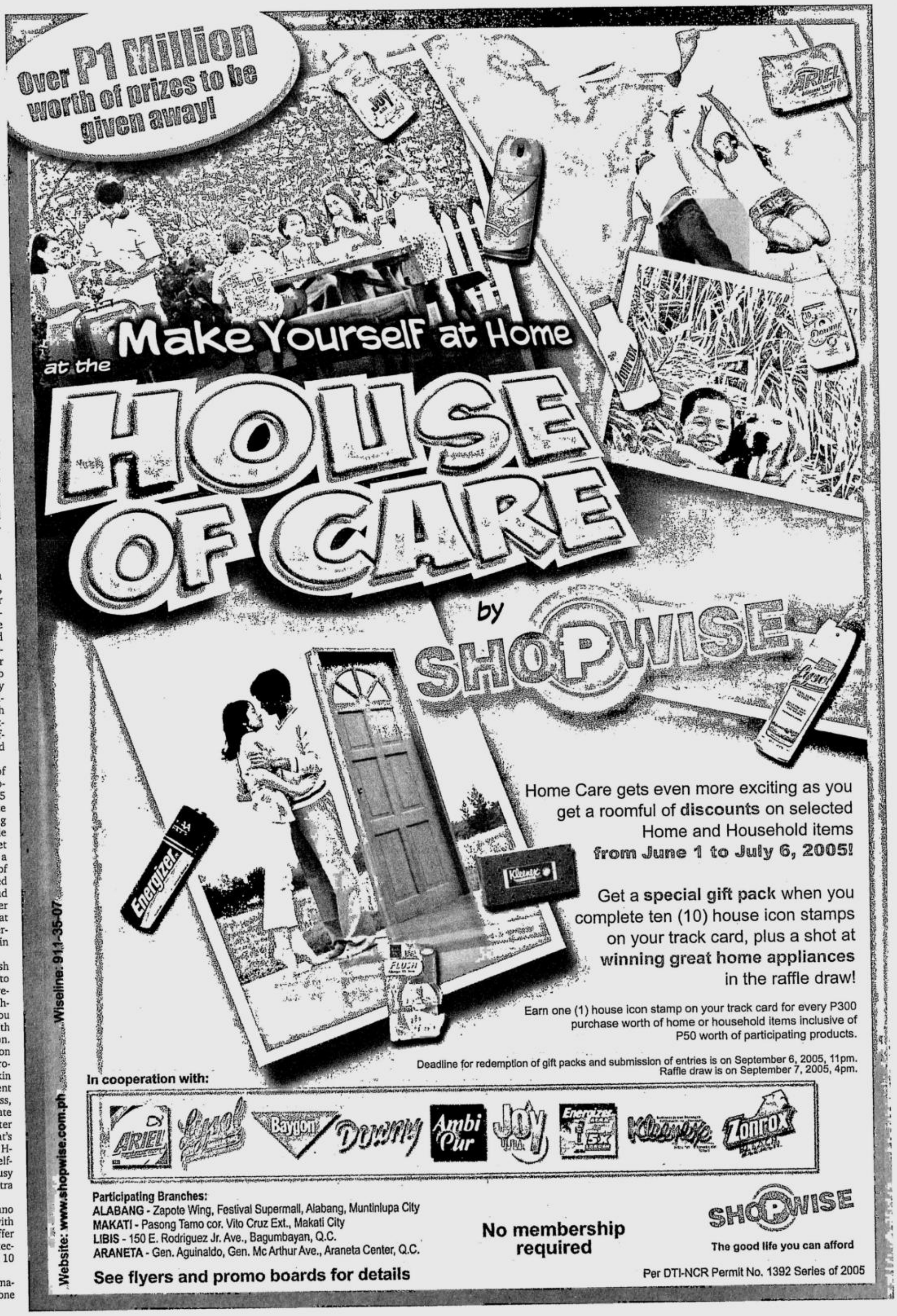

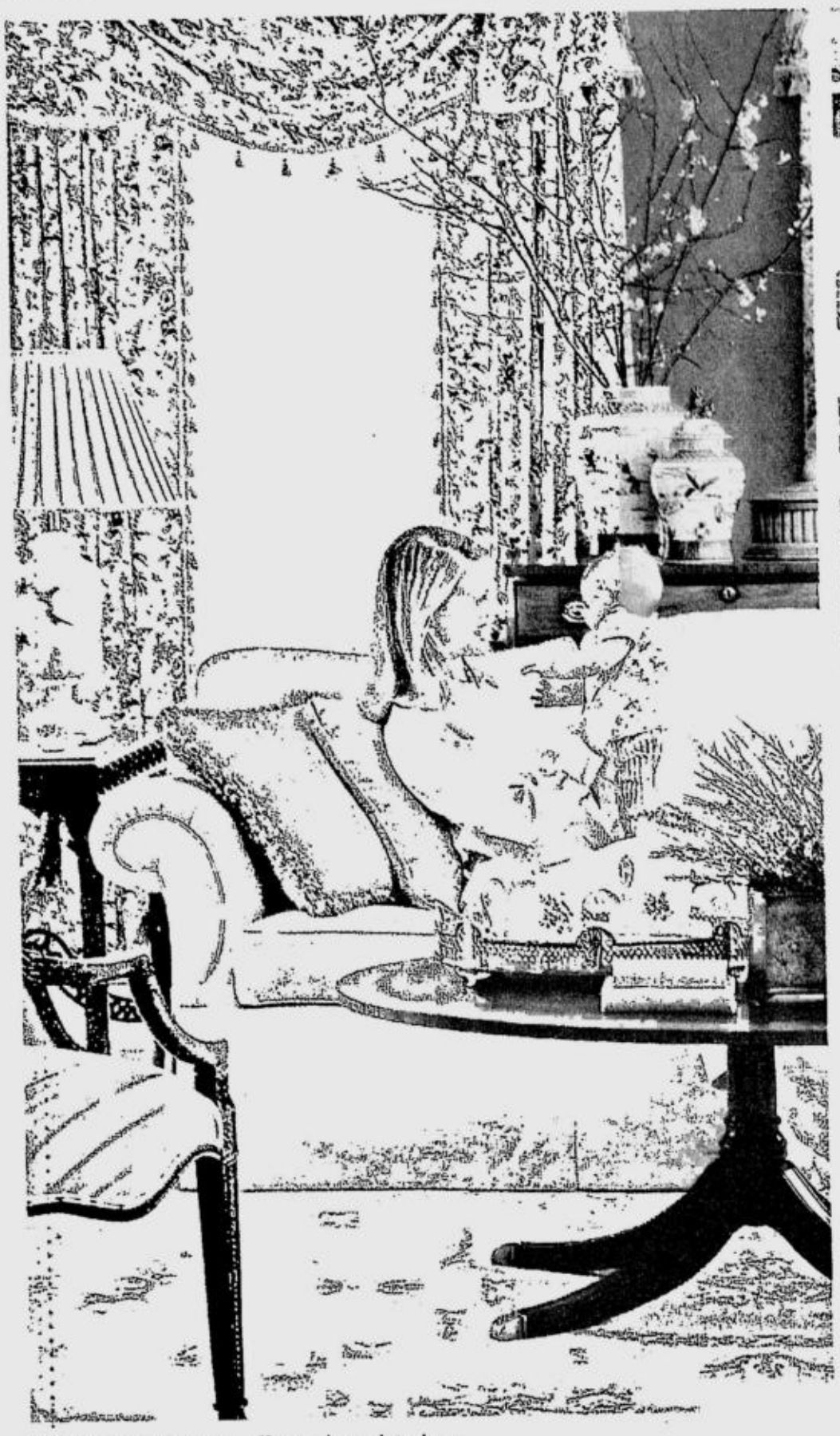

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109 Not yet final, in law
111 Colorado ski spot
114 Riddle's answer
123 Spanish province or its capital
125 Carpenter, at times
126 At peace
127 Jockeys, e.g.
128 Pupil surrounder
129 "Goosebumps" series author
130 Plane paths
131 Pay heed
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1 Slam-dance
2 Car
3 Stick in one's — (rankle)
4 Boxers Muhammad and Laila
5 "Tiny Bubbles" singer
6 Some Chevy hatchbacks
7 — oblongata (brain part)
8 Manly man
9 Sanctified
10 Big oil company
11 Prussian general in the American Revolution
12 Cotta or firma lead-in
13 Took stock of
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15 Alerting light
16 Dance combining slow and quick steps
17 Deep-fried side order
18 Stimpy's pal
19 1950s Pres.
27 Pork cut
28 Pretend
32 Slow movers
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34 Grace on "Will & Grace"
35 Actor Reeves
36 Egg on
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39 "Don't — surprised!"
40 Dust jacket info
41 "I'll take care of this"
43 O'Neal of "Love Story"
46 Old Toyota model
48 Actress Hatcher
49 Fraternity letter
51 Gadfly
57 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
58 "This can't be!"
60 Lot size
62 Shore bird
64 Lanchester of films
65 Go out with
66 TV's "The Days and Nights of Molly —"
67 "— homo!"
72 Carry
73 Audibly
74 Steer snarers
75 Open, as carpeting
76 1996 Tom Arnold comedy
78 Missing GI
79 Like a perfectly pitched inning
80 Pop out of a plane
81 Italian port
82 Jug types
84 Big Apple sch.
85 Pappies
91 "Laughing" scavenger
92 Not mandatory
94 Drs. that deliver
96 "— whillikers!"
98 North Carolinian
99 Joins together
100 Campbell of "Scream"
101 Kitchen tools
108 Father, in Florence
110 Puppeteer Lewis
112 "— ears!"
113 Steer snarer
115 Seamstress Betsy
116 Scads
117 River in central Africa
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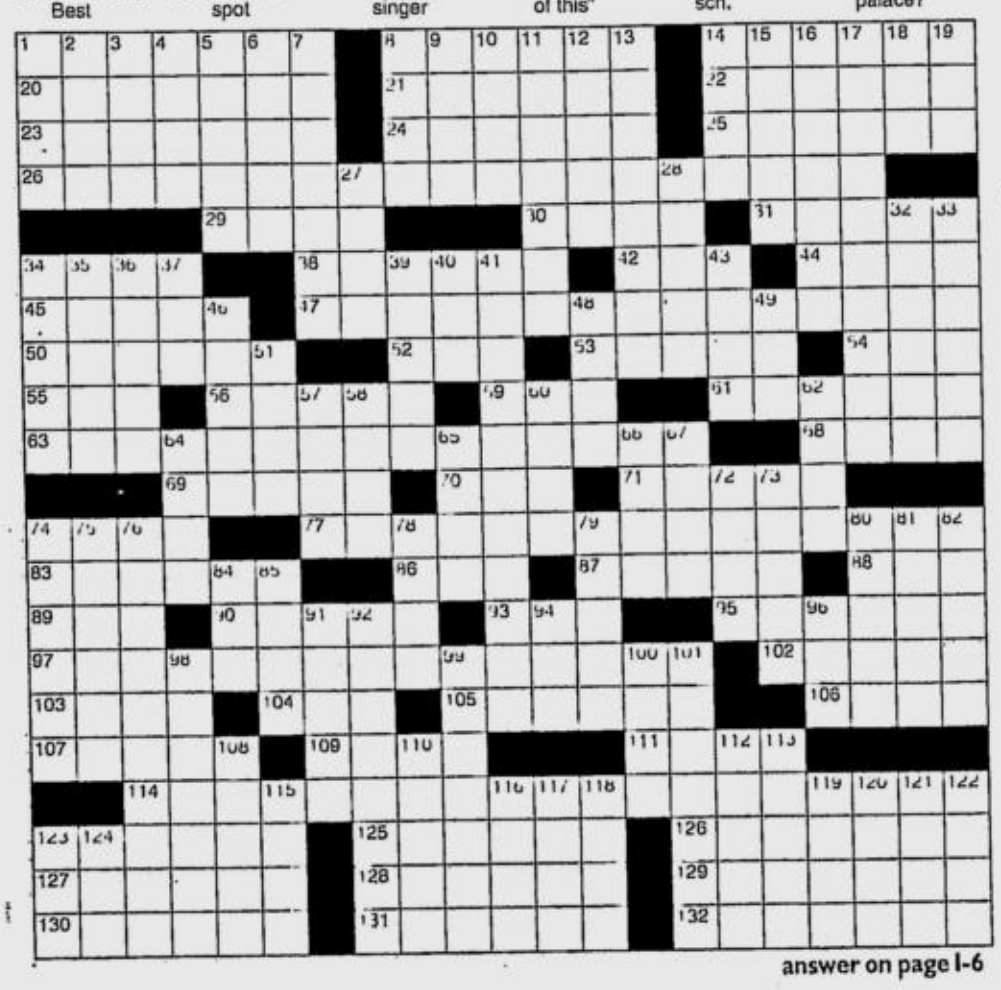

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'La vida natural' in a farm

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

THESE days, land use cannot be taken lightly or for granted. Every inch of soil must be made to work on sustainable principles. Poor or eroded soil cannot be planted to crops for food, and even indigenous plants and wildlife no longer thrive there.

To prevent this, the dictum to follow is: Look to nature. Don't destroy it; rather, conserve and enhance it.

The groups most concerned in this regard are land developers, many of whom prefer to think in terms of golf courses, resorts and residential subdivisions. While there is need for these projects, they give back very little, if at all, to nature to replenish it.

So it is good to learn that there are developers who value the land in relation to its environment, and try to keep the areas they are developing as much as possible in their natural state.

This is, of course, not easy to do, especially when you want to construct buildings in those areas, and economic demands require project proponents to take different directions. But there are ways to do it.

A model

One project that should serve as a model is Leisure Farms in Lemery, Batangas.

The project, we are informed, is the first leisure farm of its kind in the country, offering a healthy, carefree lifestyle away from urban hassles. Only a few hours away from Manila, it has all the amenities and comforts available in the city, but with a bonus—the fresh air and green lushness of a farm-cum-forest setting.

Development here promotes home gardening or farming. Lot owners grow the vegetables and fruits they desire in their own yards. Should they need professional help, management has expert consultants like Dexter Banzali, Leisure Farms' general manager, ready to assist.

We have visited Leisure Farms several times since it was launched three years ago. At that time, there was nothing to see but its concept. There were plots already planted to a variety of vegetables, and people had started to harvest, but that was all, although it seemed to us even then that, as a farming estate, that was really what one could expect.

Village store

But in the years since then, much has been added. There is now a Village Store where farm produce is sold on a regular basis and where lot owners with spare crops could sell theirs. The big attraction here is the idea of being able to buy freshly harvested vegetables and herbs of your choice.

And if it feels great to go harvesting in an established farm, just think of the joy of doing it in your own farm, right in your yard.

We found out that Harvest Festivals, the first of which we attended recently, would become a quarterly event, which meant the next harvest would be in August.

More areas of Leisure Farms will be open to the public in the future.

Realizing that the farm area had other natural endowments aside from farmland, management wasted no time in planning and creating new attractions. There is, for example, a Forest Trail Lake, a nature trek through a hanging bridge or walkway that accesses different sections of the forested area.

There are stops along the way, dominated by gazebos and benches, the first of which is a bird-watchers' haven. From this spot you are likely to see and hear some Philippine species like the coucal, white-collared kingfisher and many others whose pictures are plastered at the mountain side behind the gazebo.

Sanctuaries

In time, the walkway will lead to marine sanctuaries, forested ravines and other nature spots that serve as habitats for many land wildlife.

Elements of a theme park are present as well, all with nature accents, like a fishing pond, kids' play area, and vantage points where the beautiful panorama of the surrounding areas may be viewed.

In effect, the farm estate not only makes hobby farming an option for many people, especially retirees who want to take it easy after years of working hard, it also allows them to keep active even in relaxation. It is also meant for kids who've grown up in the city and wish to have a healthy dose of nature experiences.

We hear and read a lot about man's destructive ways towards the environment. It's time those ways are reversed, and the lessons are learned. One lesson in particular—that the trees and wildlife we protect reward us for our concern. It's a win-win situation, and we find its microcosm in a farm estate.

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Shangri-La Plaza's Grand Atrium, the main venue for the mall's various cultural shows and performances, will be transformed into a festive plaza where colorful Filipino dances and music will be shown.

The University of Santo Tomas Salinggawi Dance Troupe will perform authentic folk dances on June 11, while top Filipino world music components Pinikpikan and the Makiling Ensemble will regale audiences on June 12 and 19, respectively. The multi-awarded Banda Kawayan (Bamboo Orchestra), a unique ensemble of young, talented students from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, will perform on June 18.

MAKILING Ensemble

Ongoing for the whole month of June is the Freedom Fair at 1/L, Shaw Hallway. The fair features indigenous Philippine crafts and local delicacies from all over the country.

On the occasion of the French Spring in Manila, the much-anticipated Fête de la Musique, a popular musical event marked by festive street performances and dancing, will be celebrated at the Streetscape, Shangri-La Plaza's night entertainment and dining strip, on June 18 starting at 9:30 p.m.

The Streetscape will pulsate with Musica Tropicale, the broad name given to the danceable music from the Caribbean islands and the Central American mainland, as performed by the Onda Latino Band and Time and a Half.

Meanwhile, Streetscape's regular weekend gigs will feature Limited Edition on June 3, Restrospect on June 4, Classified on June 10, Ad Lib St. on June 11, Sould Out on June 17, Special Edition on June 24 and 4th of December on June 25.

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THANKS to the germ-free environment of Samsung's Silver Nano refrigerators, food can stay fresh longer for 15 days.

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Safe and sound in silver

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lining that prevents the diffusion of bacteria.

Thanks to the germ-free environment, food can stay fresh longer for up to 15 days. There are all door and side-by-side refrigerators included in the Silver Nano Health System. Models available in the market include RS-20NCSL, RS-21DLMR, RS-21NCMS, RS-23JGRS and the RS-27KGRS, which will soon be offered.

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Hyuck says this is only the beginning. And with Samsung's continuous investments in research and development, surely there are more good things to come.

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Bea Valdes bag lands in Vogue

BEAUTIFUL Bea in the coming July 2005 issue of Philippine Tatler. Photo by Raymund Isaac inspired by Ingress' "Odelsique"

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS
Anton San Diego

HOT breaking news—Bea Valdes in Vogue magazine

HOT breaking news—Bea Valdes in Vogue magazine. The June issue of US Vogue (with **Salma Hayek** on the cover), the world's most authoritative fashion bible, has heralded the work of one of our own, bag designer Bea Valdes. Vogue gives Bea's creation the coveted imprimatur as "the year's must-have evening bag."

To receive such praise and distinction from **Anna Wintour** and her fashion editors is the achievement of a lifetime many designers seek, perhaps because it is the best ticket to success. Just think of designers **Zac Posen** and **Proenza Schouler's** success, thanks to backing of the editrix.

Now how did Bea land in the Vogue pages? She told us that a Vogue editor chanced upon her website (www.beavaldes.com) and asked to see the bags.

Bea with fiancé **Archie Rodriguez** and her sisters flew to New York to personally bring the bags. They went to the Vogue office and the editors loved her intricately hand-beaded and jeweled evening bags that they immediately scheduled a photo shoot with Bea two days later.

"They were the most efficient team. At the shoot they brought in two racks of clothes and 20 pairs of shoes for me to choose from," she says.

In the Vogue feature, Bea is seen wearing a Chloe dress and holding one of her precious bags. Vogue fashion writer **Irini Arakas** writes, "The bag exuded a global groovy glamour that is essentially Valdes," referring to Bea's personal style. Bea also tells us that the Vogue editors arranged for the buyers of Barney's New York and other high-end retail stores to view the bags. Barney's immediately placed orders.

"On the elevator after my meeting, my sisters and I were just screaming and jumping, almost doing cartwheels," Bea giggles.

Congratulations, Bea! We can't help but be proud of your accomplishment.

A spa is born

Chi opens in Mactan Shangri-La Island Resort in Cebu—I was privileged to be one of the persons to be invited to the still-to-be-opened Chi spa at Mactan Shangri-La Island Resort and Spa in Cebu, and experienced what is going to be the benchmark of all spas in the country.

Chi is the largest spa resort in Asia, occupying more than 10,000 sq m. It has open-air treatment pavilions, private suites and villas, meditation gardens, even a pavilion dedicated for water shiatsu. Its interiors are inspired by the Shangri-La legend Himalayas combined with Filipino nuances. There are numerous treatments to choose from such as stone massage, deep-cleansing scrubs and even our very own *hilot* combined with Ayurvedic and Chinese medicines. Spa cuisine, as well as therapeutic and lifestyle consultation services, are available to achieve physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

I have had firsthand experience and can't wait to get back. My cousin, **Linda Ho Mcaffee**, was just there to celebrate the birthday of her friend, who had invited 150 persons from Hong Kong and other parts of the world; and all of them could not stop raving about it. Chi Spa Village is opening at the end of the month, so you better reserve now.

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Last part of my Paris trip

The Legion of Honour Award—It has been two months since my Paris trip and I still can't stop talking about it. One of the reasons I went to Paris was upon the invitation of Asia's high fashion empress, **Joyce Ma**, as she was to receive France's highest award to a civilian: the Legion of Honour Award. Her high-profile guests flew in from all over the world, for this special three-day event.

The first night was a dinner at Joyce's home (right above her Joyce Gallery, a museum that showcases the best of Asia) at the Palais Royal. The next day was the conferring of the award. Guests included **Kenzo**, **Missoni**, financial guru **Suze Orman**, **Andree Puttman**, Baroness **Lydia Dunn** to the International Herald Tribune's grand dame **Suzy Menkes**.

I was introduced to the lady and I told her I was from the Philippines. She answered, "Oh the Philippines. Do you have a fashion week there as well?"

I said, "Unfortunately we don't have one." She replied with her English accent, "Oh... pity!"

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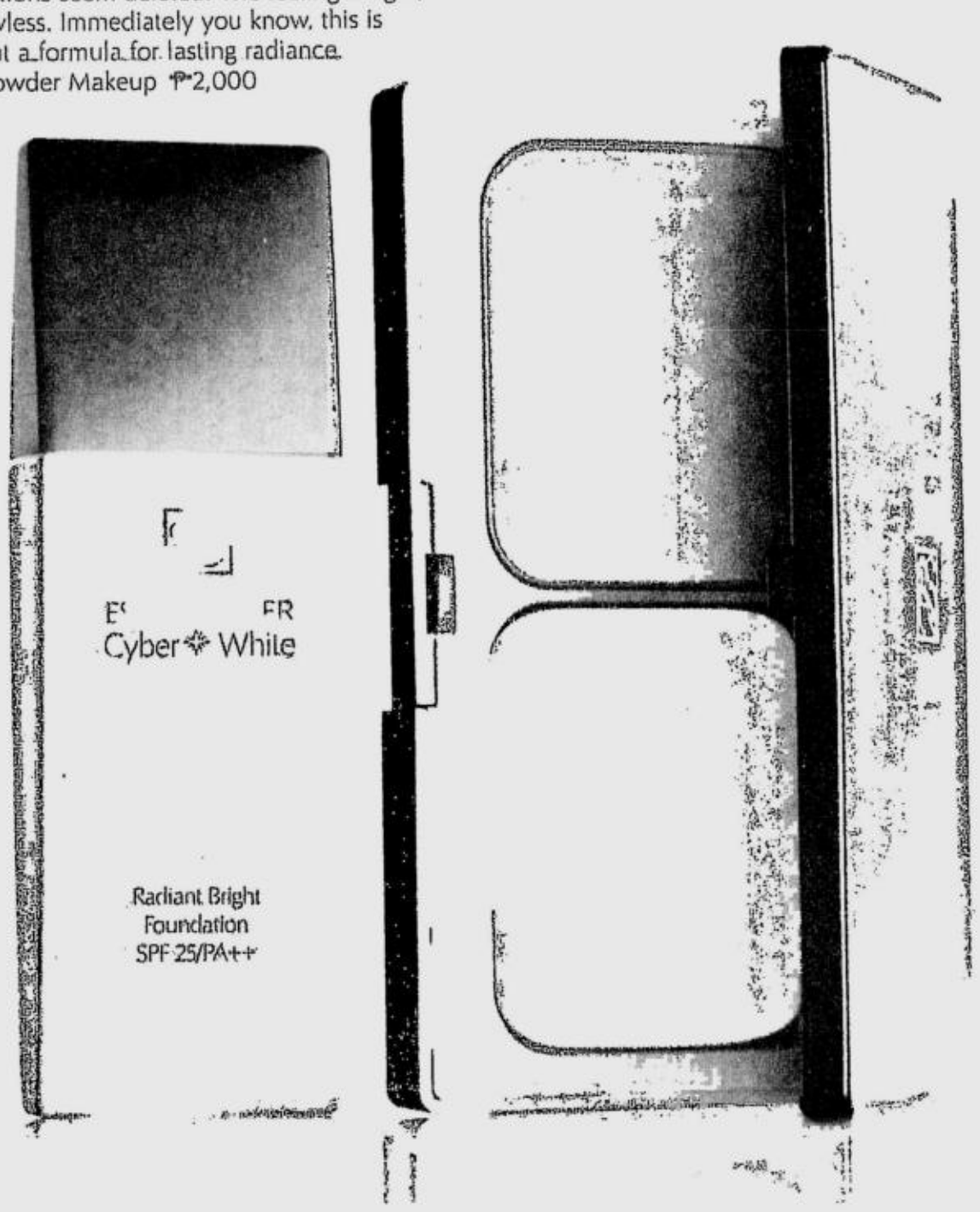

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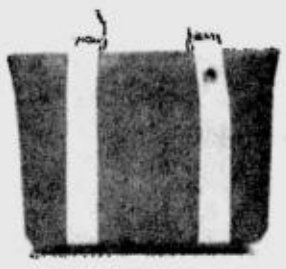

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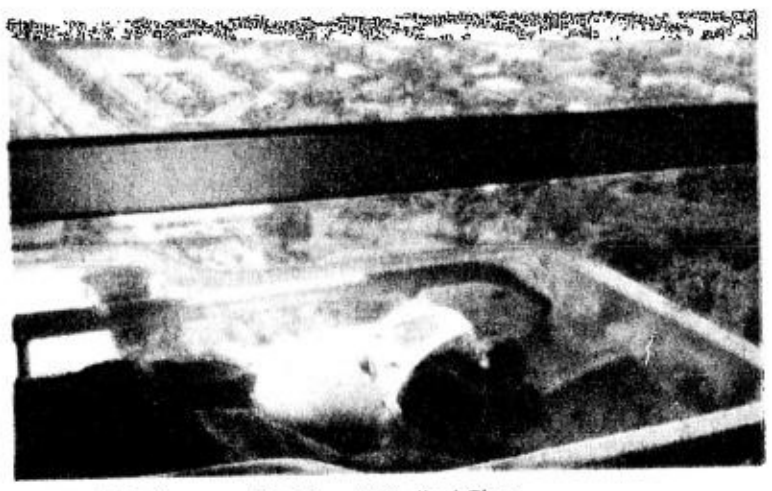

DAYS-old Athena sun-bathing at Medical City

4D ULTRASOUND at FortMed with Dr. Isa Gomba and Dr. Vio Castro

MEDICAL City nurses all in a row

Surviving Athena

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

AFTER A MONTH in motherhood Siberia, with zero social events, it's great to slowly inch back into the real world. My life is quite simple these days, much like a cow waiting to be milked. I just hang around wearing a nightgown all day until **Athena** comes around ready for her next feeding. My only contact with earth is via text, and at this pace I may completely drop off the Philippine Tatler's "100 Most-Invited" list!

What a change from my last trimester, feeling so loved by my dearest friends who held so many baby showers for me. My Assumption College high school batchmates hosted my first shower last February, then there was a Greek-theme party at Urban Spa and lastly, a Pretty-in-Pink *merienda* at style icon **Tina Ocampo**'s home.

I was figuratively and literally roasting in the summer heat of May, sweating while awaiting the arrival of my baby. My hubby **Dennis** and I had finished our Lamaze refresher course. To the unfamiliar, Lamaze is a technique of natural childbirth, where one is physically and psychologically prepared with prenatal training.

We have known Lamaze expert **Rome Kanapi** (tel. 0917-5415114) since we took lessons from her 10 years ago when I had my second son, **Tyrone**, and again three years thereafter when my third child, **Annika**, came along. For Athena, I was half thinking about whether to finally try anesthesia, since she would be my last baby.

Last May 5, at my weekly routine checkup with my OB, Dr. **Nabie Aherrera**, she asked me to have an ultrasound to check on the condition of the baby. It is quite amazing that technology is now so advanced that there are 4D ultrasounds, with time as the fourth dimension. I had one in Fortmed, where they give you a CD video clip of your baby inside the womb. The best time to go is on your seventh month because any earlier, the fetus looks too gremlin-like.

Smooth delivery

To my surprise, the ultrasound at Medical City showed that I had placenta previa, a condition that indicates a Caesarean delivery. So that very day, 05-05-05, I delivered my made-in-Greece baby, Athena, at 10:05 p.m. It's a most auspicious day, such that people thought I had really planned the birth for that day and might name her Sardinia. The entire delivery was so smooth. Athena was born with so much black hair. I've gotten so used to my L'Oreal-colored hair, I thought she might have been born as a blonde.

> When my new baby grows up, she will get to know Pope Benedict XVI and 'Star Wars Episode 9.' (And you think George Lucas will stop at six? Ha!)

Medical City is an amazing hospital that resembles a hotel, complete with a food court, a Starbucks, a modern chapel and a hair salon. With its state-of-the-art equipment and brand-new amenities, I felt so comfortable knowing my baby would be born in sanitized conditions and get expert treatment. Though we had to change rooms three times because of the insufficient air-conditioning, my overall stay was wonderful. Dennis said we were spending as much as we would have at a resort in Bali, so better to just lie back and enjoy the vacation.

After a minor complication in my wound, where I was treated at the more experienced Makati Medical Center, I am finally on the road to recovery. If only Medical City had the staff expertise of Makati Medical Center—that would be an unbeatable combination. My stay at Makati Med was all the more pleasant since chef **Ed Quimson**, who was also checked-in, sent me food daily. No Floating Island meals for us! With his killer desserts as well, I think I gained back the weight I was beginning to lose. You don't need to be pregnant to check out his sumptuous menu and to-die-for Chocolate Fudge Cake, all at Chef Ed's on H.V. de la Costa Street.

Now that I am finally settled at home, I seem to be more exhausted with the whole breastfeeding schedule. I'm getting tips from my Chinese friend, **Ingrid Go**, who seems to be an expert in extracting maximum milking volume. She suggests taking lots of soup, like *lapu-lapu* soup with ginger and *malunggay* leaves, *tinolang manok* and *halaan* soup. Avoid cold drinks because these will give you a permanent belly and take a daily shot of Serravallo, a Portuguese port wine that enhances iron in the blood. All these Chinese beliefs are worth following, except for the unusual practice of not bathing for a month after delivery.

Pinoy inventions

Modern medicines have also advanced in promoting breast-feeding. A proudly Philippine-made product, Natalac Capsules by Tynor, has been proven to increase milk production through an honor-winning clinical study. Based on my personal experience, it really works and I have checked with the owners if I can take the medicine three or four times a day. Since Natalac is all natural, being made from *malunggay* leaves, it is very safe.

The same manufacturers also produce OB Max Capsule, a pre- and postnatal multivitamin with Taurine for the baby's brain development, and Cherifer Drops for growth. With the height genes missing from both **Dennis** and me, Cherifer is a great booster.

Speaking of Pinoy inventions, a unique, feeding product called Podee Hands-Free, Baby-Feeding System was introduced to me by a reader who e-mailed from the US. The bottles are patented in the States and were invented by the company's CEO, who is a Fil-Am. Check out their website, www.podee.com, to see their interesting product, which has been in the world market over a decade.

Today, our Athena is a month old and her world is ever changing. When she grows up, she will get to know **Pope Benedict XVI** and "Star Wars Episode 9." (And you think **George Lucas** will stop at six? Ha!) With luck, she will be watching her mommy on "Look Who's Talking," together with co-hosts **Johnny Litton** and **Anton San Diego**. By the way, LWT has a new day and time slot: 10 p.m., Mondays, on ABC 5.

Mother's Day should be celebrated monthly! The sacrifices and attention we give to our children are so admirable and under-appreciated. But these thoughts might just be from feeling so cooped up, as my precious milk is pumped out using my Medela double-breast pump (they didn't have this 10 years ago!), seemingly designed for Nebraska livestock. I just hope I survive more than a month of breast-feeding.

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PRETTY in Pink baby shower at the home of Tina Ocampo

HELLO Kitty friends Tina and Ricco Ocampo with baby Solenne Santos

TATLER cover girls Tina Ocampo and Solenne Santos

LAMAZE refresher class with instructor Rome Kanapi in the middle

GREEK-INSPIRED surprise party at Urban Spa complete with costumes by Rajo Laurel and décor by Anton Barretto

SURPRISE baby shower with Assumption HS '81 at Caroline Singson's house

BATCH '81 gang Tessa Alindogan, Bingbing Ongsiako, Yellie Nonato and Karina Galang

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GENEROUS gourmet chef Ed Quimson with Marixi Prieto, me and Sandy Romualdez

STYLISH moms Sigalit Djemal, Mons Tantoco and Mandy Santos

Has karma caught up with the other woman?

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

End this affair if it is pushing you to your grave. No man is worth that—no matter how rich he is

DEAR Emily,

I am what you would call "the other woman," a kept woman in short. I've been this way for the past 18 years. I used to have a high-profile career. I traveled the world, met VIPs, and plainly had a good time. I looked great and I felt fantastic.

Then I met this corporate big wheel who pursued me relentlessly! He was married but "on the brink of a divorce," he assured me. I did not believe him then, but I played around with him anyway. What was one more man, I told myself.

He spoiled me to the hilt. I had no wish that he did not grant—trips, jewelry, shopping. It went on until I could not get away from him anymore.

I now have a grown son with him, and he still has not separated from his wife. He supports me and my child—enough to allow me to stay home all day, but we hardly see him. He makes all these excuses not to call or visit. I want to get away from him, but my constant misery because of our relationship has made me sick—emotionally and physically. I've developed all sorts of illnesses. They annoy him and he tells me it's no "fun" to be with me anymore.

I have also grown so big and fat that the companies that wanted to pirate me before would not even look at me now. I tried to commit suicide once, but I just slept through the ordeal.

When I fell in love with him, I thought our love story would be different from all the other horror stories I'd heard of. Do you think this is my karma?

THE OTHER WOMAN

"How do you keep the music playing?" a song asks. There is no formula for keeping a lover—or a husband for that matter—interested. Love is like Russian roulette, sometimes you get lucky and sometimes you get shot. You just have to make every day count, not take each other for granted, and pray every night that you live to see a better tomorrow.

Who is to say what your karma is? End this affair if it is pushing you to your grave. No man is worth that—not his money, not anything.

But again, how do you expect him to get excited with what you have become? What happened to you? You didn't just change overnight, or in a week. What turned you from a powerhouse into this self-destructive, low-wattage brownout-prone persona?

Did he spoil you sooo much that you thought Christmas would be forever and you put your brain power in hiatus for 18 years? Now, look in the mirror and ask yourself if you like what you are seeing. If not, how can he?

Be fantastic again. Will yourself to do it! Go on a diet and melt that fat! It won't be a walk in the park, though! While you're at it, start thinking of getting a job! Do something—anything—to restore your self-esteem. You're not in a coma, you're not a quadriplegic—you are still the thinking you! Clear your mind and plan a counter-offensive—not to destroy him but to keep him from destroying you. Just stop this avalanche of self-destruction.

Losing a man is not the end of the world. On the contrary, you should feel reborn. Challenge yourself to be the va-voom person you used to be. Don't get mad, get even!

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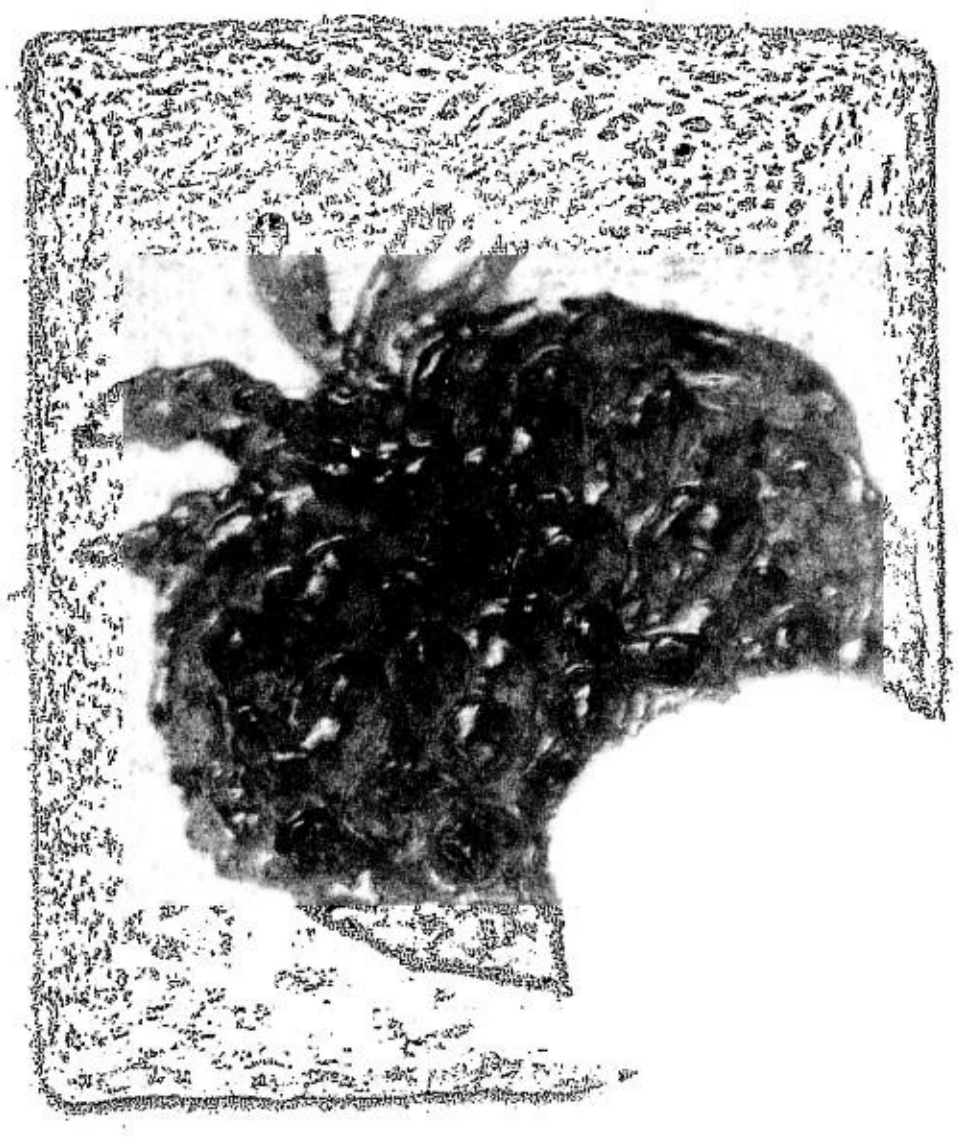

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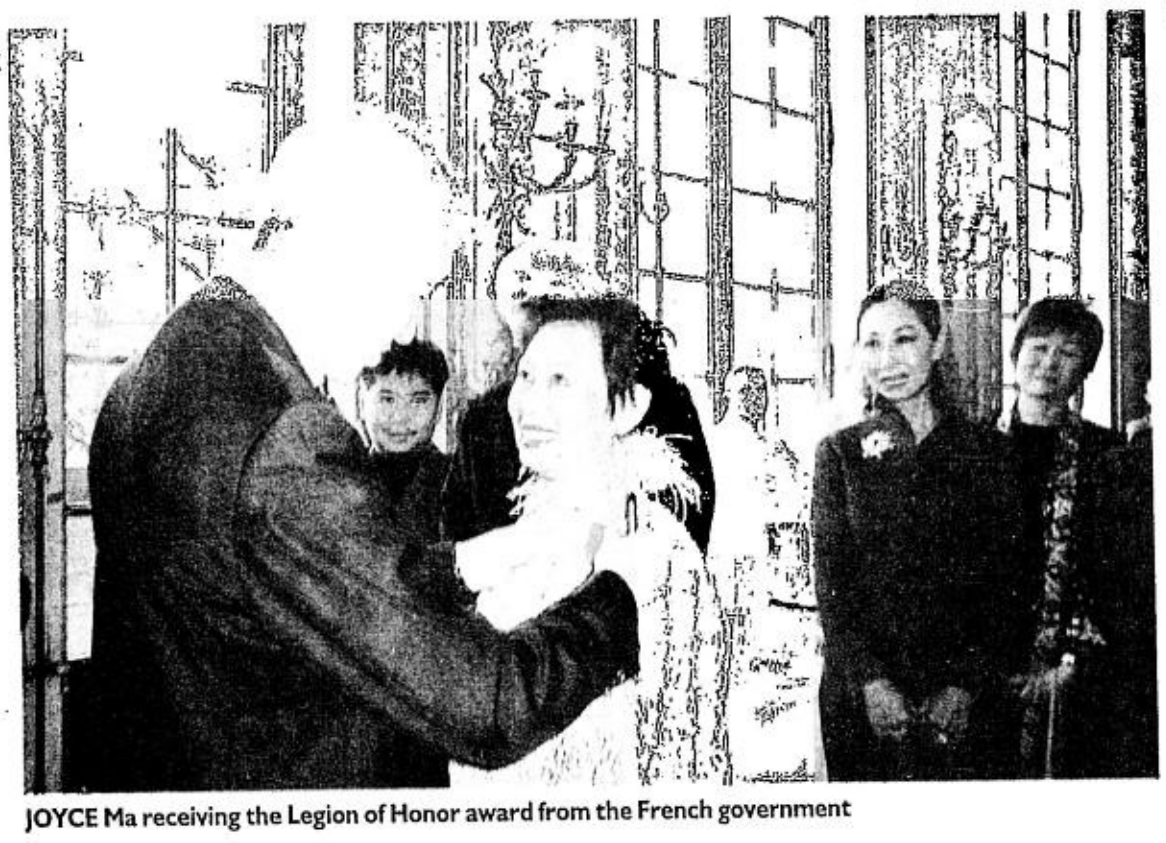

JOYCE Ma receiving the Legion of Honor award from the French government

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In the evening, Joyce gave a gala dinner at one of Paris' grand hotels, the Crillon. She asked her guests to come dressed in Orientalia. It was a magnificent four-course meal and had Joyce's signature style as she flew in her own silverware and china, and candelabras were loaned from Baccarat. All of this were unheard of, or not done, by the Hotel Crillon, but since it was Madame Ma, as she is fondly called, an exception was made.

During the dinner, several luminaries honored Joyce. The '60s singer **Lulu** (of "To Sir with Love" fame) sang a song for her. A couple of the touching speeches were by sister **Bonnie Gokson** and **Alber Elbaz**, the incredibly talented head designer of Lanvin. He said, "Joyce you have remained consistent. From the time when I was still an apprentice, you have always been so kind to me."

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After the dinner I was able to meet some of my fashion heroes like Belgian designers **Ann Demeulemeester** and **Dries Van Noten**. Also in attendance were Filipinos **Dedes Zobel** with partner **Robin Halwas**, fashion powerhouse **Ricco** and **Tina Ocampo** and dynamic sisters **Linda Ho Mcaffee** and **Doris Ho**.

The bon voyage dinner was held at the more than 200-year-old and three-star Michelin restaurant Le Grand Vefour. This historic restaurant is owned by the Taittinger family and its frequent guests included **Napoleon** and **Josephine**, **Victor Hugo**, **Chopin**, **Colette**, **Henri Balzac** and other legendary writers as well as statesmen, philosophers, etc. whose presence has been permanently etched on brass name plated affixed on the red banquettes.

This three-day event coupled with the sights and sounds of Paris, the Yohji Yamamoto , Louis Vuitton, YSL fall winter 2005 Women's collection, were such a treat that despite the -3° weather, losing my laptop and iPod, it will remain a standard for all the trips I have done and still yet to come.

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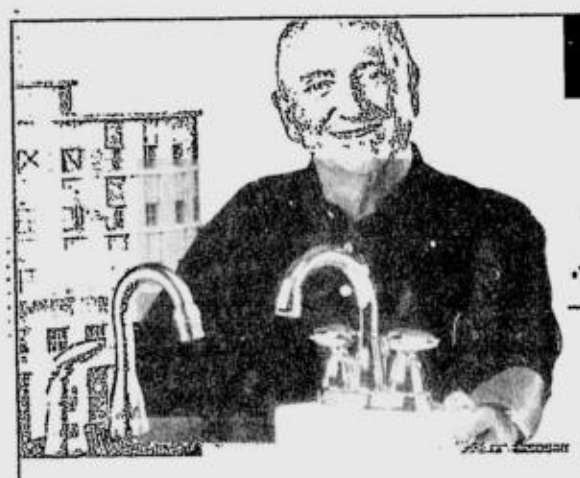

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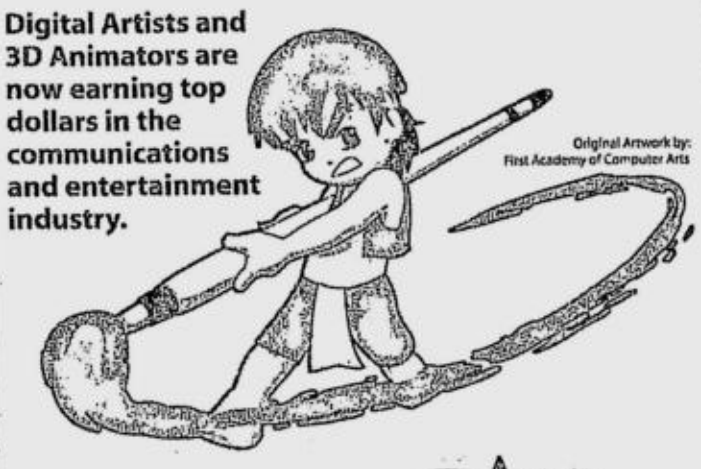

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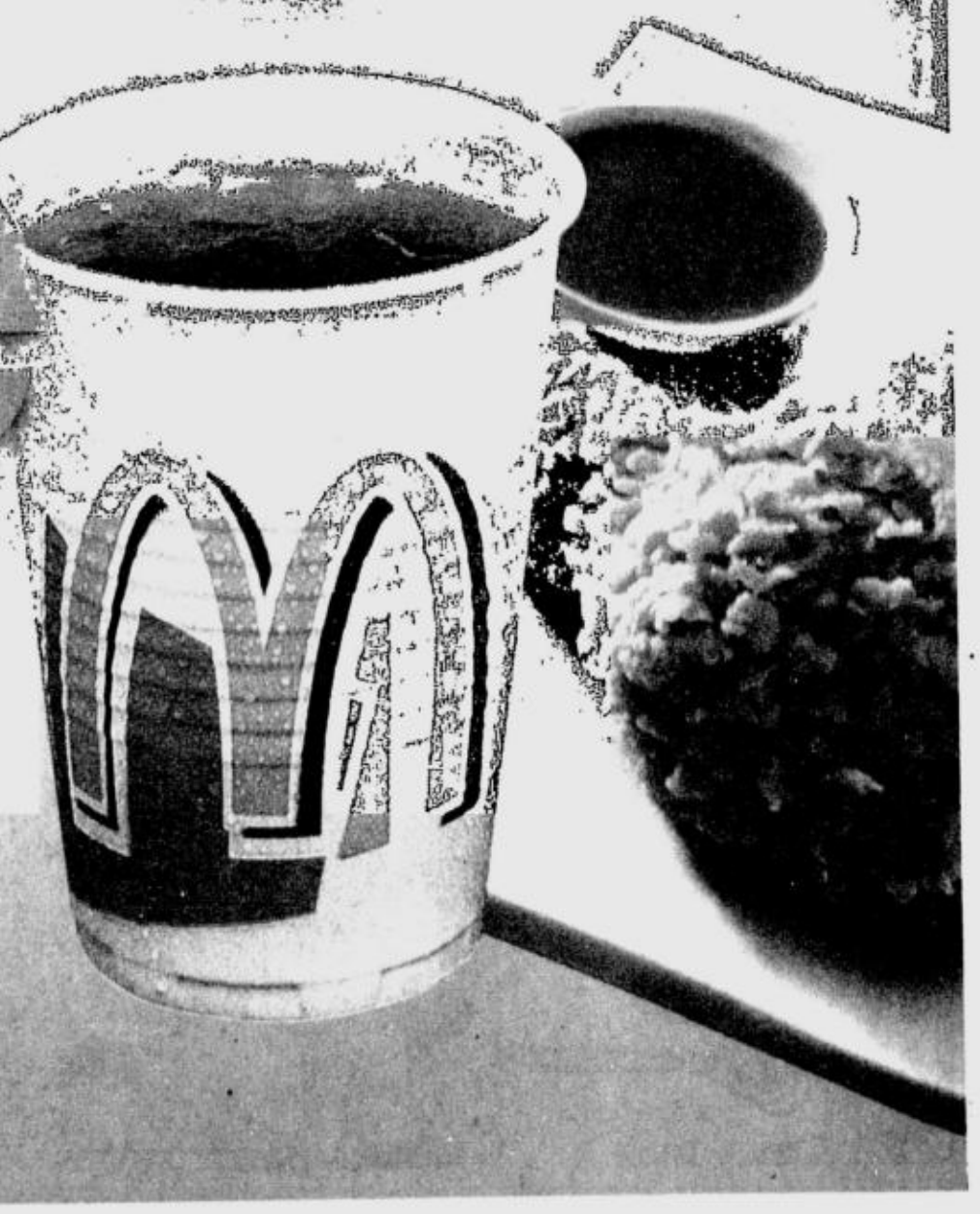

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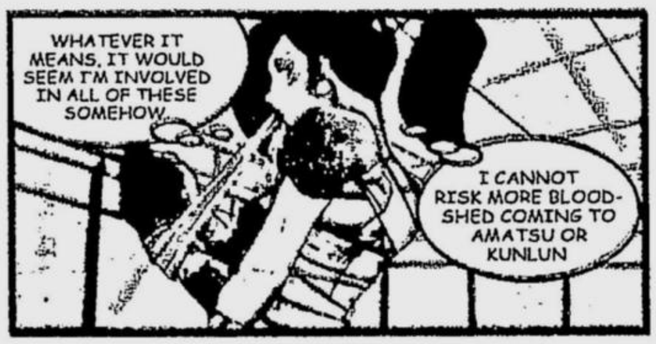

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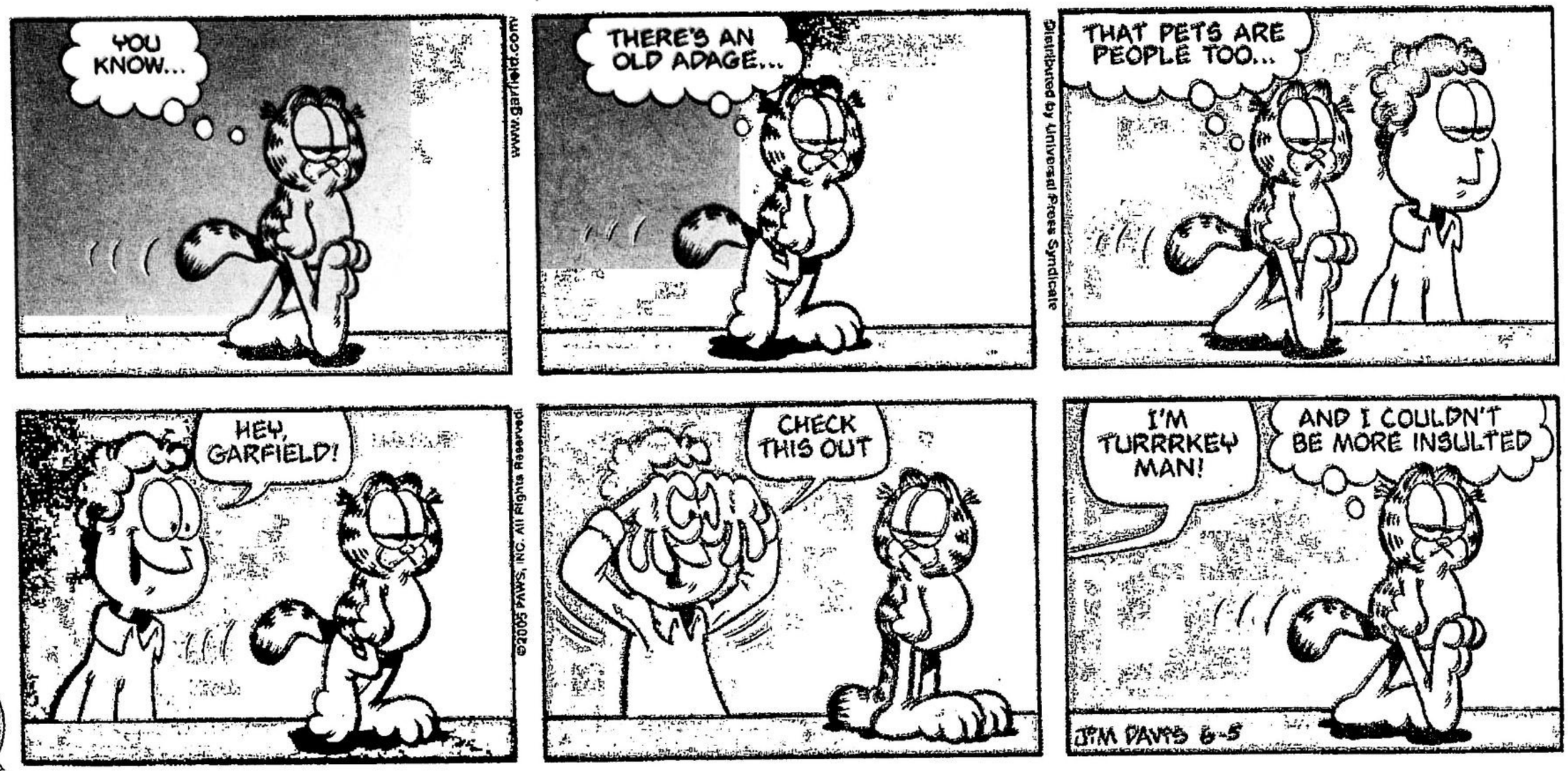

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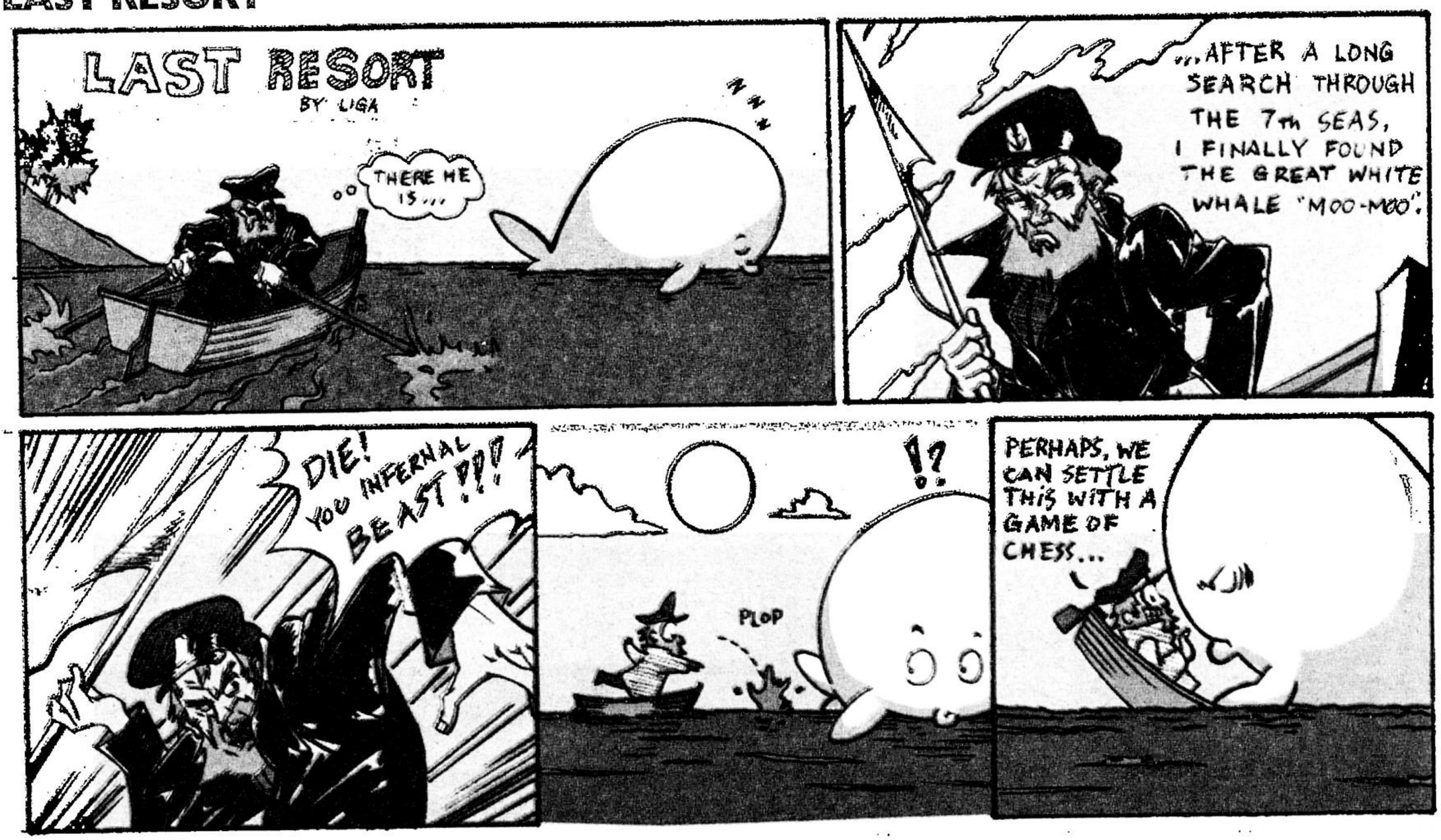

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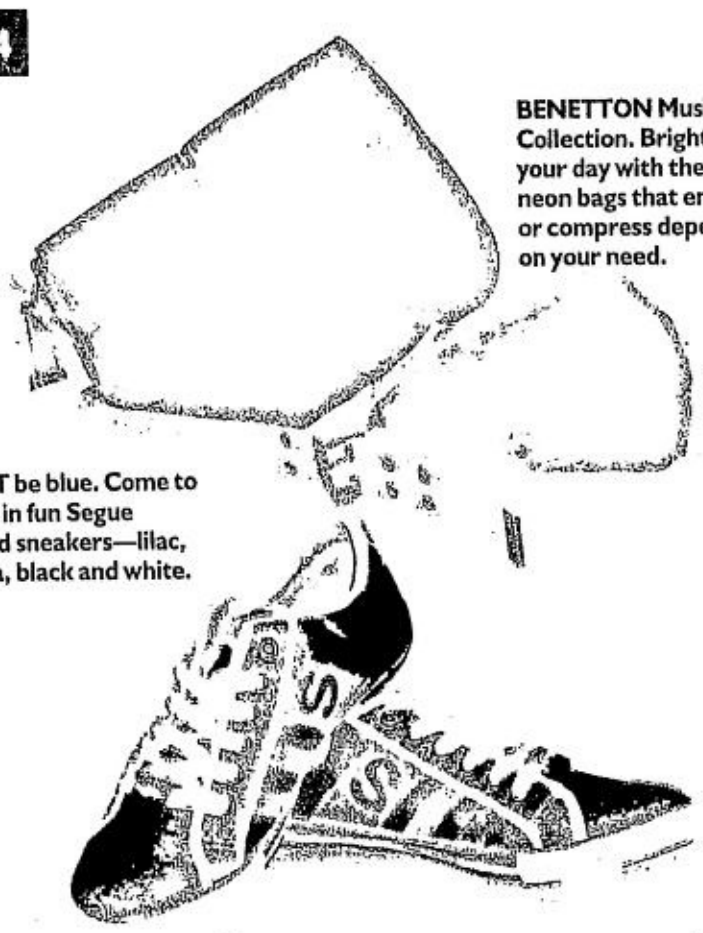

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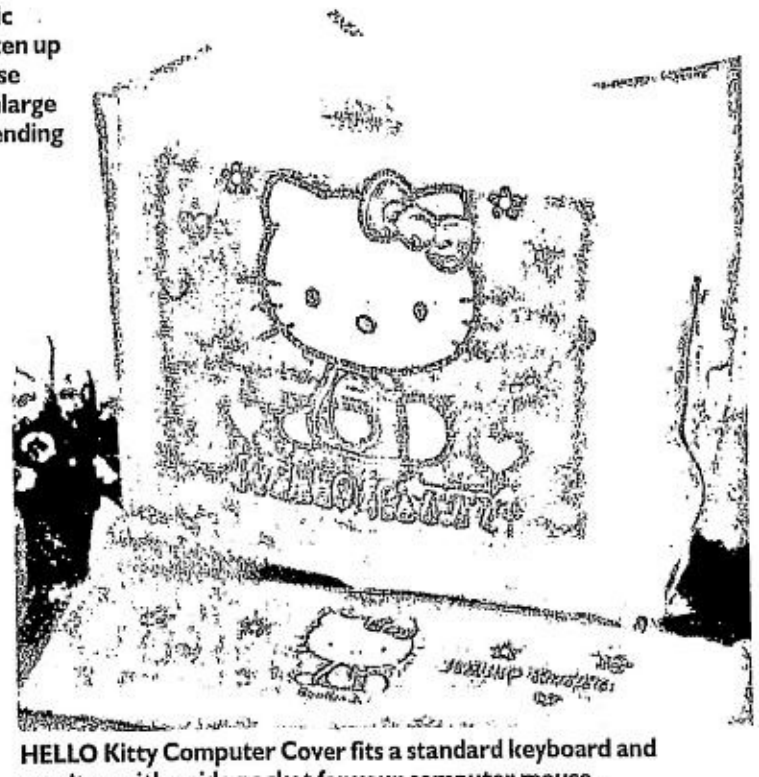

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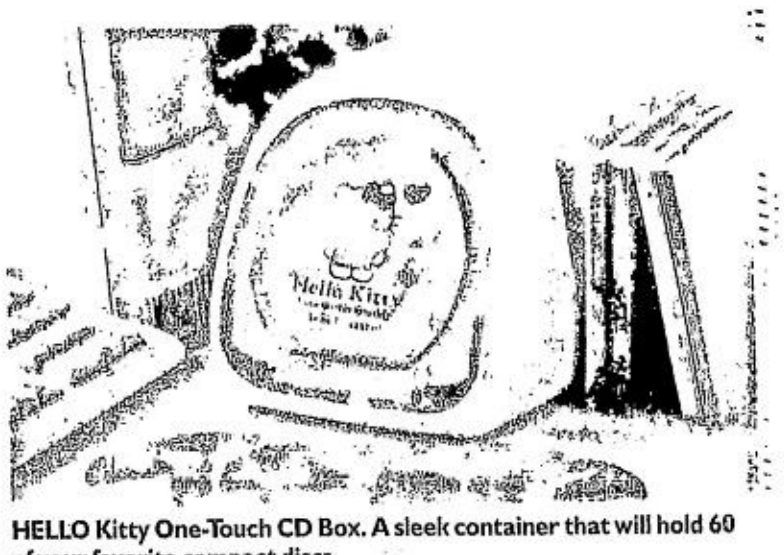

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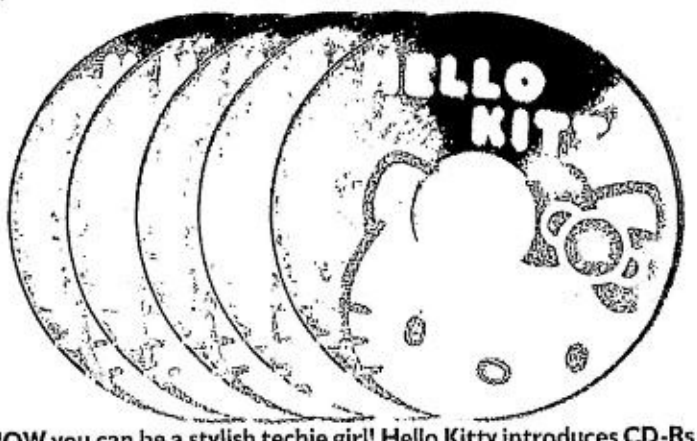

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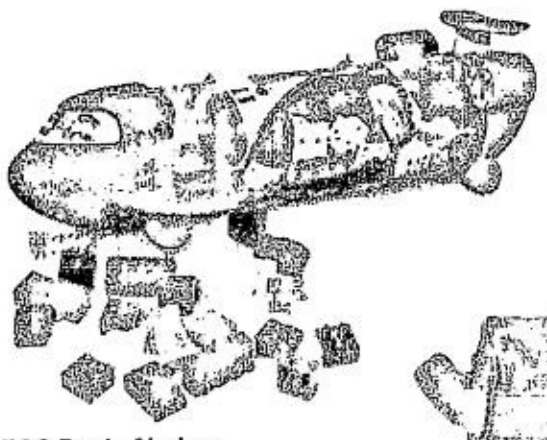

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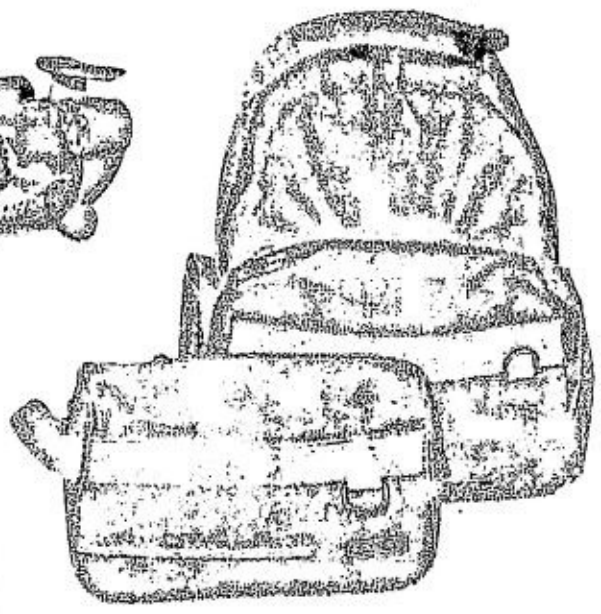

BENETTON Atlas Collection has backpacks, mail and body bags, and cosmetic cases.

TO HELP trendy young girls complete their school needs this school year, Gift Gate, the epitome of great fun, offers irresistible accessories.

Sanrio gives high-tech enjoyment a new meaning with its limited collection of computer accessories. Techies can go pretty in pink this back-to-school season by dressing up their desks in all things Hello Kitty.

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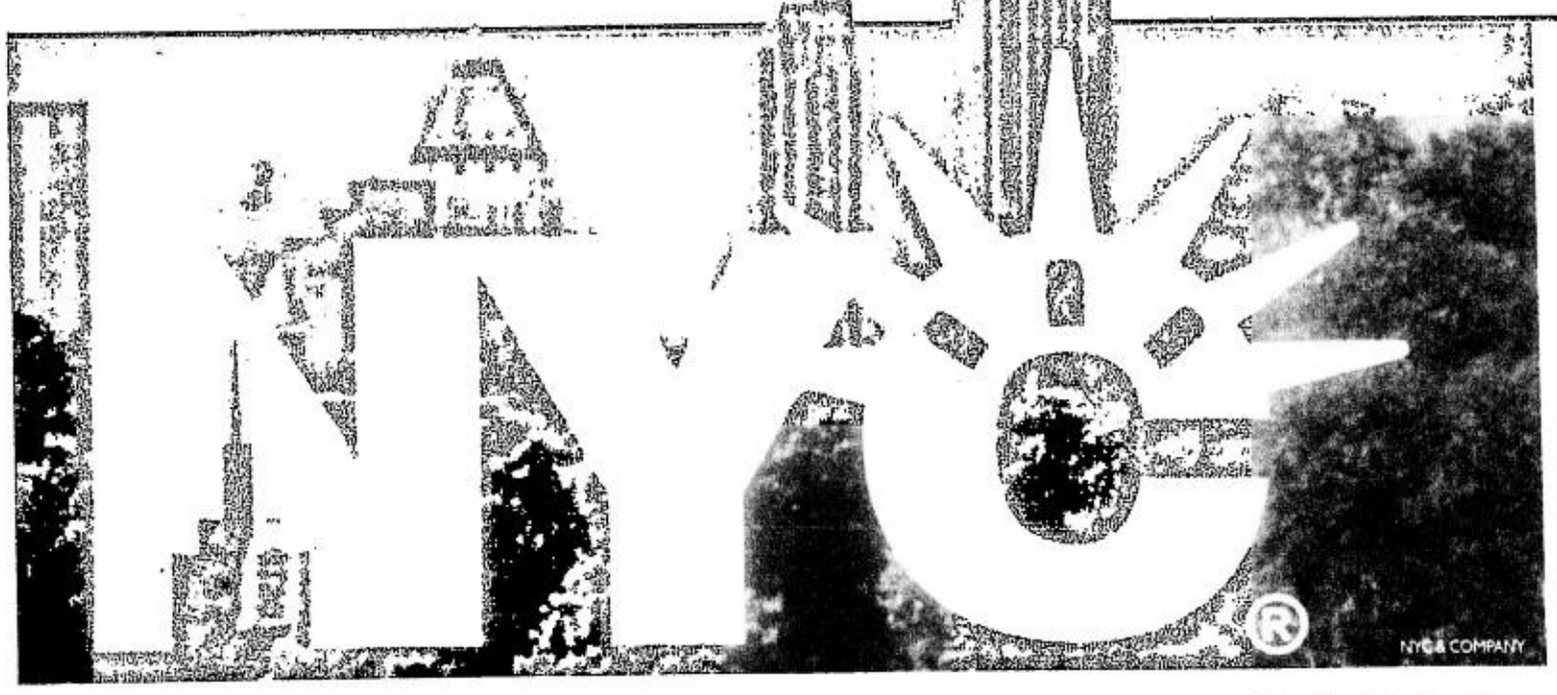

City of Wow

After 9/11, the empire that is New York strikes back

Text and photos by Chelo Banal-Formoso

I TELL you what—you bring us the pow, we'll supply the wow," said New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg to the travel media that came to his city for the 37th annual International Powwow produced by the Travel Industry of America (TIA).

He wasn't kidding. In the ensuing five days of the travel meet attended in early May by 450 journalists and 1,300 buyers from 70 countries as well as 3,300 delegates from all over the United States, Bloomberg delivered what he promised, with crates of help from NYC & Company, the Big Apple's official tourism agency.

For their captive audience, TIA and New York's tourism stalwarts designed the Powwow events to show off the best that the Empire City had to offer.

The welcome party for the media was an impressive start. Held at the recently renovated and expanded Museum of Modern Art (nicknamed MoMa), the opening bash premiered the song "New York: For the Time of Your Life"—performed live by jazz guitarist and singer John Pizzarelli, who was loaned for the night by the famed jazz joint Blue Note—and a video that was a gift from HBO and the entire Time Warner family to the City of New York.

The historic Ellis Island, gateway to America for millions of European immigrants in the past, hosted the closing gala dinner that was packaged with opportunity to explore the Immigrant Museum and the newly reopened Statue of Liberty.

Living up to its reputation

Between the opening and closing events, New York lived up to its reputation as Party Central with booze, food and show served at such fabulous addresses as the Rockefeller Center (where an ultra modern Top of the Rock viewing deck will open in the fall), the new Time-Warner Center (where Bruce Willis and P. Diddy reportedly recently closed escrow) and a renovated Broadway theater.

Why bother? This is New York, a field of dreams so nice they named it twice, right?

Well, tourist arrivals in NYC took a dive following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center twin towers because travelers thought it would be safer to stay away.

It didn't help that foreigners feared they could be pulled aside and grilled for hours, not to mention their baggage pried open and inspected, because of strict monitoring of inbound travelers at John F. Kennedy, La Guardia and other US airports. As if the ridiculously strict requirements and long wait for the issuance of tourist visas were not enough, every vacationer has to go through paranoid US immigration processes like finger printing, face scanning, perhaps even soul searching, before being allowed to step onto American soil.

Through all this insecurity about security, NYC has slowly but surely concerted its efforts to attract tourists. As a result, the volume of visitors last year rose for the first time since 2001. However, the 45 million projected visitors this year is still 12 percent short of the number in 2000.

"We need tourists emotionally and we need them economically," said NYC & Company chair Jonathan Tisch. And so the city revved up its tourism engines for the Powwow 10 years after it first hosted the TIA event.

With a marketplace like Powwow and with the weakening of the US dollar, promoting New York as a "must" destination should be a breeze. Already, it is billed as the World's Second Home. Is there anyone who has not heard of New York, or seen some portion of it in a movie or a television show?

Shot in NYC

New York is the setting of choice for many movies and television programs that are shown internationally. Despite being a place of no physical beauty to speak of, no natural wonders to boast of, NYC is a magnet for location hunters because of its distinct character, its raw energy, its history and its charm.

Tears?

Rica is reborn. Having finally realized what she needs to do for herself, she has resolved to embrace her individuality and personal choices by freeing herself from past relationships and people's expectations. Now, Rica is daring to try things that she likes, learn about ideas that she's passionate about, and simply lead a life with her true happiness in mind. As she opens herself up to this process of finding out what life has in store for her, Rica awaits each discovery with thrilling anticipation.

Giving others the chance to start over, Rica has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

In line with this campaign, each purchase of Visine Refresh will mean a donation to the EBFP in support of its fight against corneal blindness.

You too can help the EBFP by donating cash, or signing on as a cornea or eye donor. Join Rica, Visine Refresh and the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines in the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign, and ensure that our fellow Filipinos see a bright future ahead.

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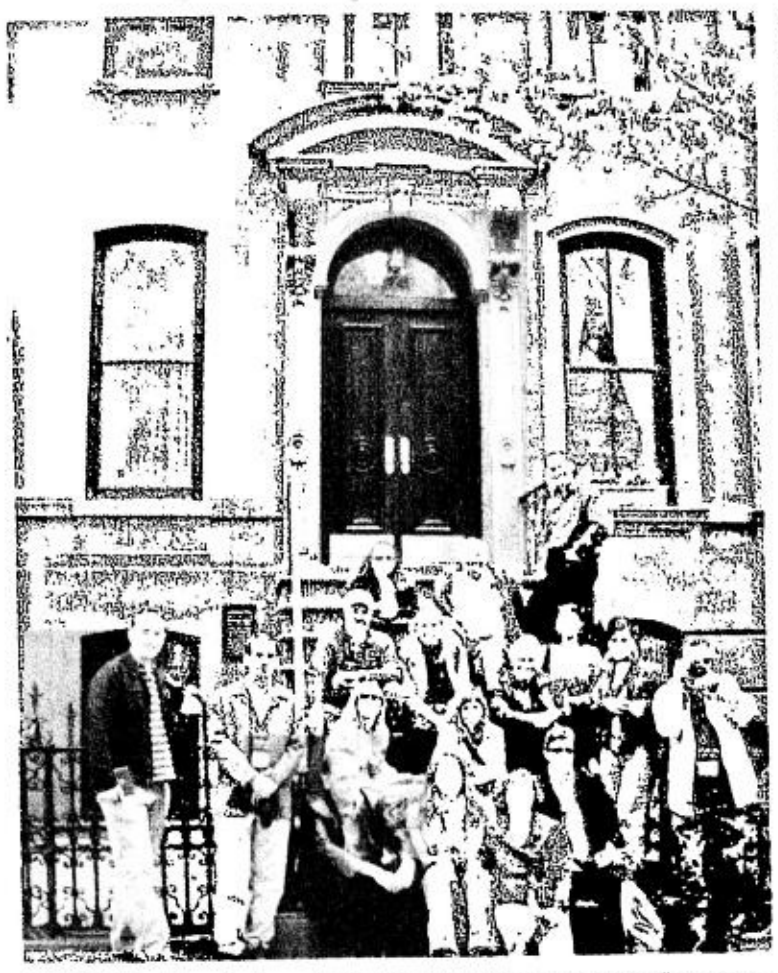
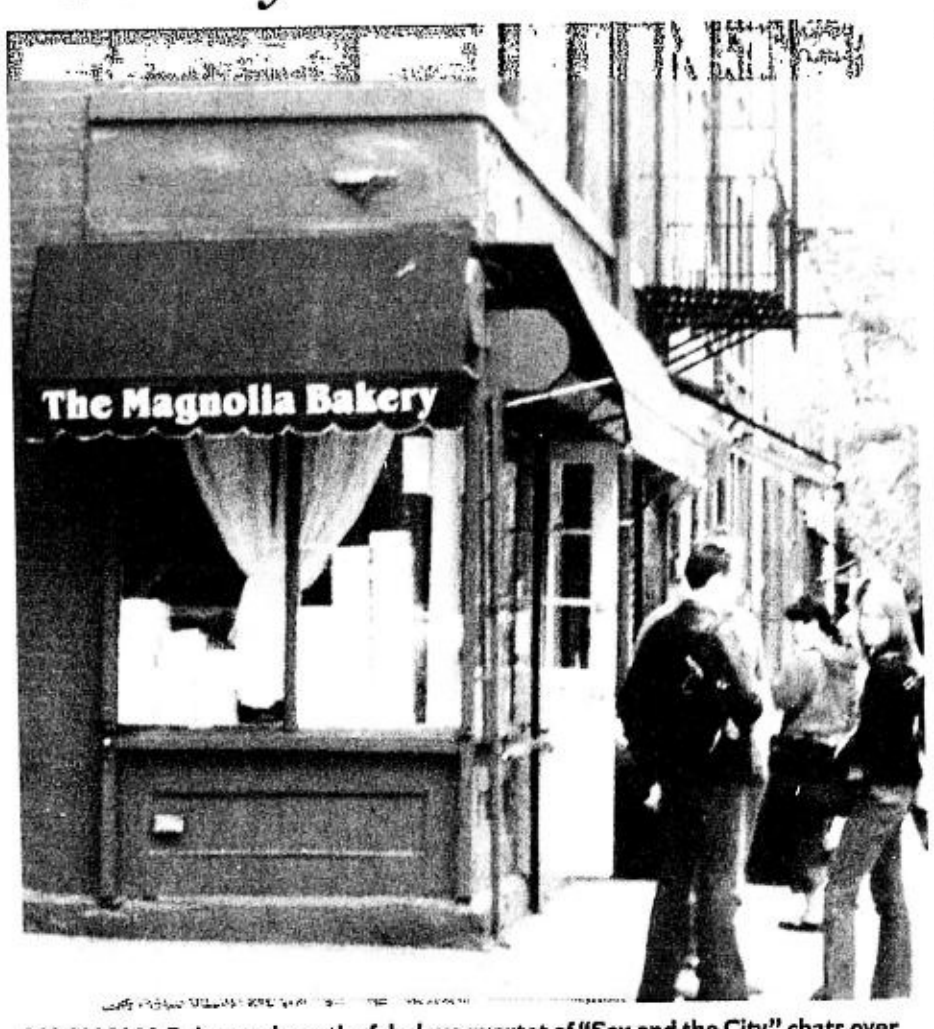
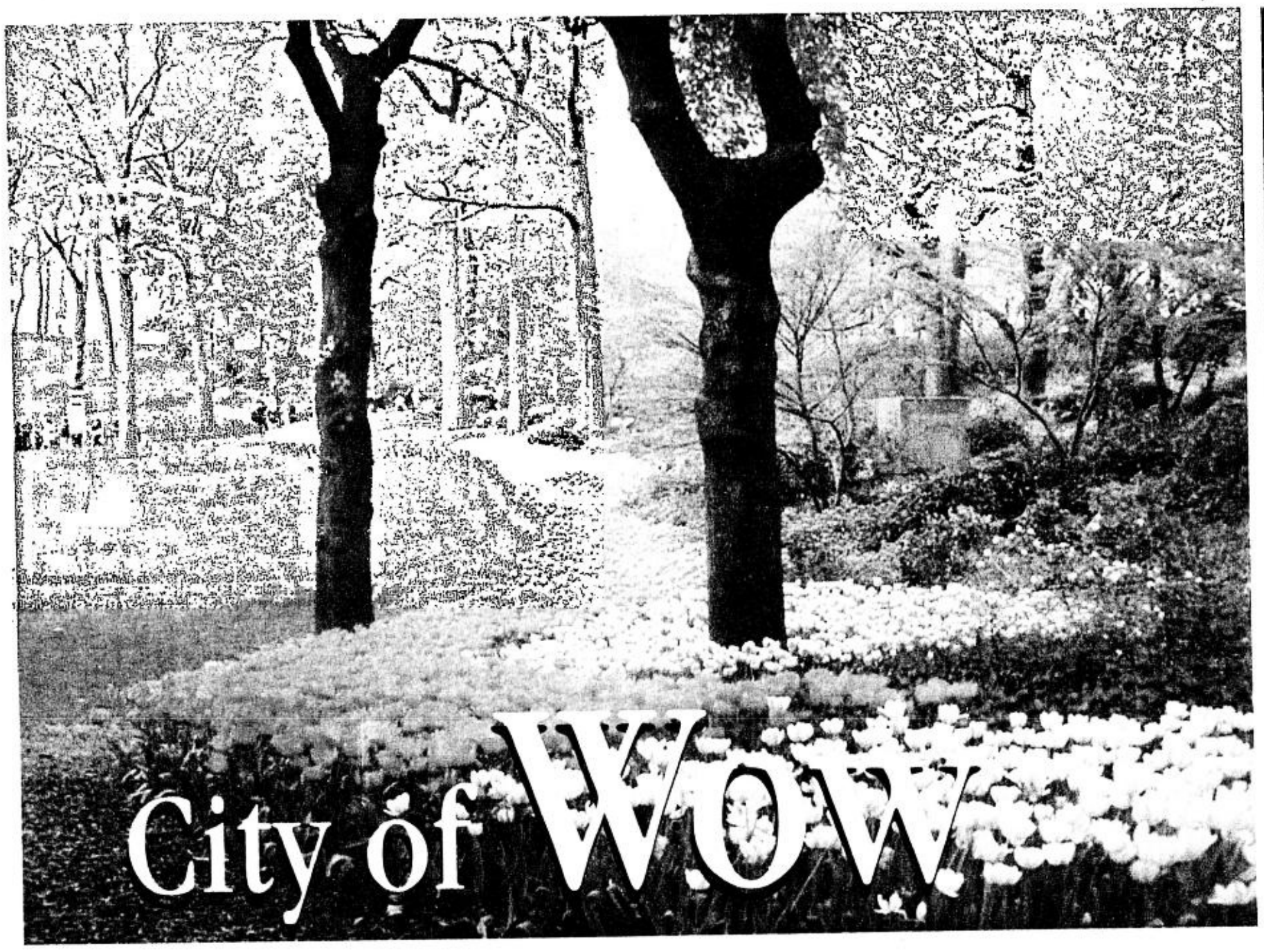


CARRIE Bradshaw's stoop in the hit show "Sex and the City" attracts a group of travel journalists who can't say no to a photo op. Sarah Jessica Parker, who plays Carrie, lives not too far away.



MAGNOLIA Bakery, where the fabulous quartet of "Sex and the City" chats over cupcakes topped with old-fashioned buttercreams, icings and frostings

SERENDIPITY restaurant where John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale met in, well, "Serendipity."



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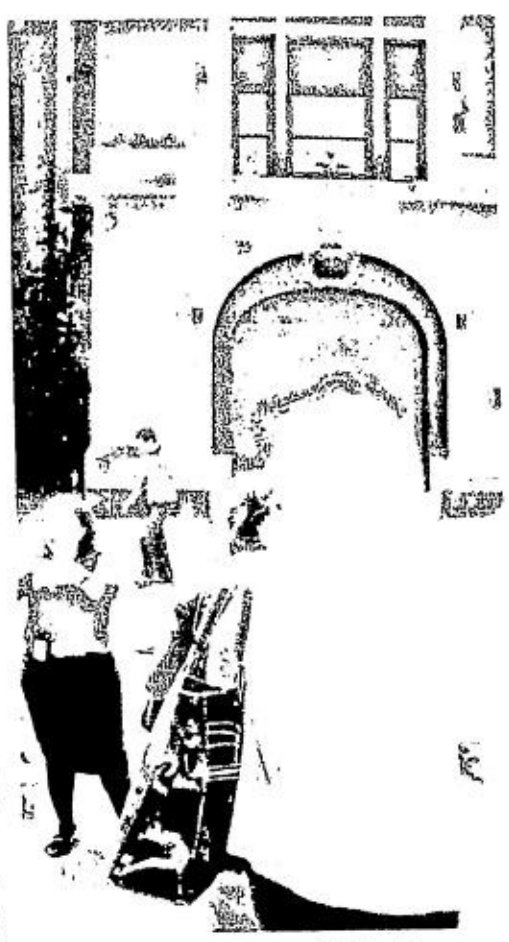

REMEMBER "Ghostbusters"? The fire station in the movie is part of the Manhattan movie tour.

TULIPS are in bloom in Central Park, site of the Imagine tribute to Beatle John Lennon. New York proves it is easy being green even for a large city if it has 28,000 acres of park land.

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To encourage more productions to be set up in his city, Mayor Bloomberg signed a "Made in NYC" incentive program into law to allow the production company 5 percent tax credit. Little wonder that, according to the Mayor's Office of Film, Theater and Broadcasting, they process 100 applications for license to film in NYC

New York is hands-down the world's favorite backdrop for movies. In fact, there are all kinds of bus tours around the city capitalizing on this reputation. There is the Manhattan TV and Movie Tour, for one. Luxury buses, mind you, equipped with TV sets for beaming snippets from the TV shows.

The tours can take you anywhere from Monica's rent-control West Village apartment in "Friends" to Carrie Bradshaw's stoop in "Sex and the City; from the Moondance Diner in Soho where Kirsten Dunst moonlighted while waiting for the so-called big break in "Spiderman" to Al's Soup Kitchenette on 55th and Eighth Avenue, more popularly known as

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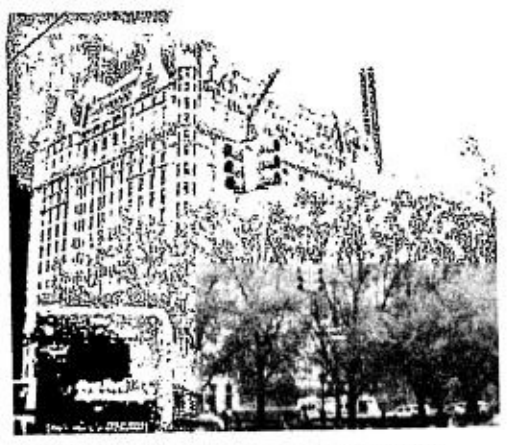

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MONICA's rent-controlled apartment building in the long-running TV sitcom "Friends" is in West Village.

THEATER where aspiring actor Joey, played by Matt LeBlanc in "Friends," got his break.

Cebu's 'royal' bash

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THE QUOTA International of Cebu, in cooperation with the Cebu Visitors and Convention Bureau, presented its annual Santacruzan, which is also a fund-raiser for its various charitable projects.

One Quota project is a high school for hearing-impaired children from poor families. The organization also supports day care centers in barrio Sawang Calero, and the remote mountain barangay of Guba.

The celebration started with a Mass at the Blessed Pedro Calungsod (some day he may become the first Cebuano saint) shrine within the Archbishop's palace grounds. The procession of flower-decked arches and lovely *zagalas* went up D. Jakosalem street, through Mango Avenue, and down Ramos Street to Ranudo, site of the Casino Español de Cebu where the coronation program was held.

Reinas

Carmen Calansingin was crowned Reina Emperatriz by Rep. **Raul del Mar** and last year's title holder, **Generosa Cortes Efthimiou**, escorted by her dashing husband, Dr. **Tacky Efthimiou**. A bouquet of flowers was presented by Quota District 41 governor **Lea Celis**, who was accompanied by **Therese Jalandoni**, past president of Quota in Iloilo.

Beauteous **Maria Elena Sy** was Reina Elena. Putting that diadem on her head was civic leader **Martina "Beling" Go Ching Hai**, escorted by Gen. **Adelberto Yap**, general manager of the Mactan Cebu International Airport Authority.

The Emperador Constantino was **Enrik Marten Choachoy**, crowned by his predecessor, **Xavier Lozada**, and **Victoria Corominas**, the youngest and prettiest in the Cebu provincial board. Young princes in the emperor's court were **Kyle Cesa, Kobe Bryan Abellanosa, Dave Tolegida, John Yamaoka** and **Antoni Lagura**.

All in pink was Reina de las Flores **Gillianne Samontañez**, who received scepter and crown from last year's Queen of Flowers, **Chariz Orquina**. *Zagalas* in her court were **Jessica Lagman, Katrina Casera, Anelom Adriatico, Tricia Rama, Aislinn Cuizon** and **Marie Angelie Mendoza**.

A wisp of a girl, **Evanmarie Mendoza**, was Reina de los Angeles, crowned by **Sabrina Woolbright Darza** and Cebu City Councilor **Hilario Davide III**. In her angelic court were **Dana Capili, Elizabeth de Dios, Kylen Baylosis, Aneya Adriatico, Mariella Sesbreño, Mhary Joy Tan, Cybil Ibañez, Zouleika Cuyos** and Mary Bernadette Rañola.

Homage

Dances in honor of the queens were performed by hearing-impaired students of the high school, gracefully executing the choreography according to vibrations of the music. *Santacruzan* participants also had a royal dance. The younger ones did a stylized *rigodon*, while the teeners participated in a Cotillion.

Cristina Corominas, incoming president of the Cebu Quota and over-all chair, deserves heaps of praise for a very successful event. Her co-chair and incoming vice president for internal affairs is the super efficient **Jobel Davide**.

At the end of the program they congratulated **Socorro Codilla**, registrar of the St. Benedict's Learning Centre who, for months, searched for participants from the school's students, together with director **Fely Gimarino**. **Lydia Ibañez**, school principal, is the Cebu Quota charter president, and this *santacruzan* project is very dear to her heart.

Also congratulated was the evening's toastmaster **Adrian Ding**, son of former Quota Cebu president **Mariecor Salas Ding**, now based in Manila but who came to Cebu for the occasion.

Everyone in the Cebu Quota club deserves commendation for the splendid teamwork and unity.

Among the incoming officers, many of whom figured prominently in various committees are VP external **Cota Cañete**, secretaries **Evelyn Ramirez** and **Dulce Gantuangco**, treasurers **Lourdes Manigos** and **Linda Rama**, auditor **Marcia Godinez**, PRO **Pinky Shan**, plus directors **Loreta Calderon, Sue Gray, Josephine Mapeso** (outgoing president), **Carla Veloso** and **Tita Oppus**, a past president already making plans for next year's *Santacruzan*.

Prominent members of Cebu Quota are **Cecile Raborar, Ildefonsa Ybañez, Sophia Mancao, Malou Veloso, Barbara Pineda, Shirley Abellana, Fe Abrogeña, Lourdes Garcia, Consuelo Garcia, Julia Gasper, Tita Mancao, Jackie Lebumfacil, Josefina Peña, Ma. Adora Prado, Jennifer Romero, Tonette Saavedra, Ma. Theresa Tan, Tita Tan** and **Esperanza Yu**.

REINA de las Flores Gilliane Samontañez

REINA Elena Ma. Elena Sy

REINA Emperatriz Carmen Calansingin

REINA de los Angeles Evanmarie Mendoza

EMPERADOR Constantino Enrike Marten Choachoy

Tears?

Aubrey is happiest when she's able to help others. Her benevolent heart reaches out first and foremost to those dear to her. And now that she has the means to do more for her family and community, Aubrey embraces this responsibility and is devoted to fulfilling it. For her, the greatest reward is knowing that her loved ones' lives are comfortable, and that they have less to worry about because someone is there to take care of them.

Ever generous, Aubrey has pledged to donate her eyes and join the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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Aubrey Miles
Actress

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MEMORIAL Plaza-Night
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MEMORIAL Underground
RENDERING BY DBOX
COURTESY OF LMDC

EXPOSED slurry wall northwest quadrant PHOTO COURTESY OF LMDC

HOW do you wash away the tears and hush the sobs of the families who lost loved ones in the explosion, the crash, the flames and the violence in the World Trade Center twin towers on Sept. 11, 2001?

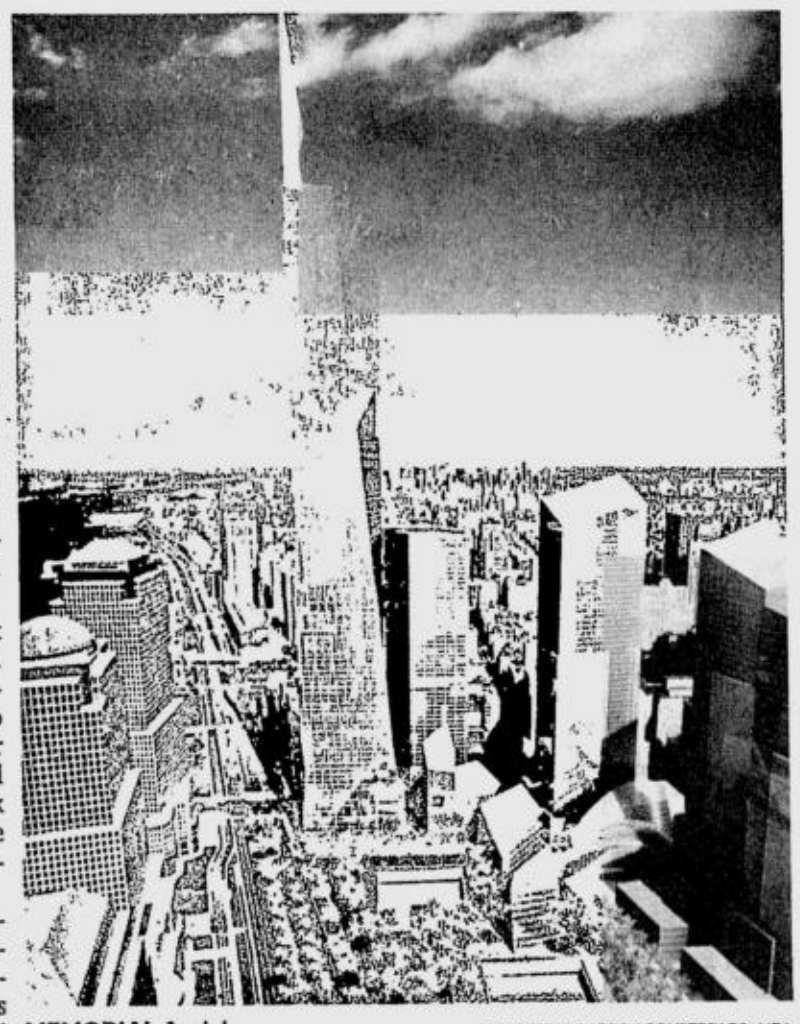
Harder still, how do you keep alive the memory of the innocents who perished where the twin towers once stood, and lay to rest those who are unaccounted for because their remains could not be identified.

How do you, as they put it in Lower Manhattan these days, "reflect absence"?

Some 10 million tourists come to the WTC to pay their respects every year, according to the Lower Manhattan Developoment Corporation.

Because the world, not just America, lost 2,979 lives on Sept. 11, 2001 when two planes hijacked by terrorists crashed into the WTC twin towers and earlier on Feb. 26, 1993 when a rented van filled with explosives, the task of designing and building the memorial has required global participation.

The World Trade Center Memorial Foundation, which was created to raising funds for the complex and will be responsible for its construction, operation and maintenance, solicited designs from architects and planners all over the world



MEMORIAL Aerial RENDERING BY DBOX COURTESY OF LMDC

Of the over 5,000 entries from 63 nations and 49 states, the design adjudged most reverent and appropriate was the one submitted by architects Michael Arad and Peter Walker. Daniel Liebkind is master planner of the WTC site.

Construction will begin next year. The memorial complex will have three levels.

The Memorial Plaza, where visitors will enter the complex, will have an elegant grove of hundreds of oak trees. There will be two voids in the size of the magnitude of the twin towers. The voids contain waterfalls that drop nearly 30 feet into reflecting pools below.

The next level is the Memorial Hall, where galleries will ring each pool and delineate the footprints of the twin towers.

The names of those who perished in the towers will be inscribed on a low wall around each pool. Between the pools will be a hall, a vast open space where visitors can rest and reflect.

The Bedrock is the bottom level. Having noticed that families of victims have visited Ground Zero to touch bedrock every year around Sept. 11, the designers of the memorial are allowing them continued access to the very foundation of the ill-fated towers.

The exposed box beam columns that supported the twin towers will be exposed as reminder of that terrible day in September. Visitors will also be able to see and touch the cracked foundation, the tall section of the exposed slurry wall that held back during the attack—physical artifacts conveying the violence.

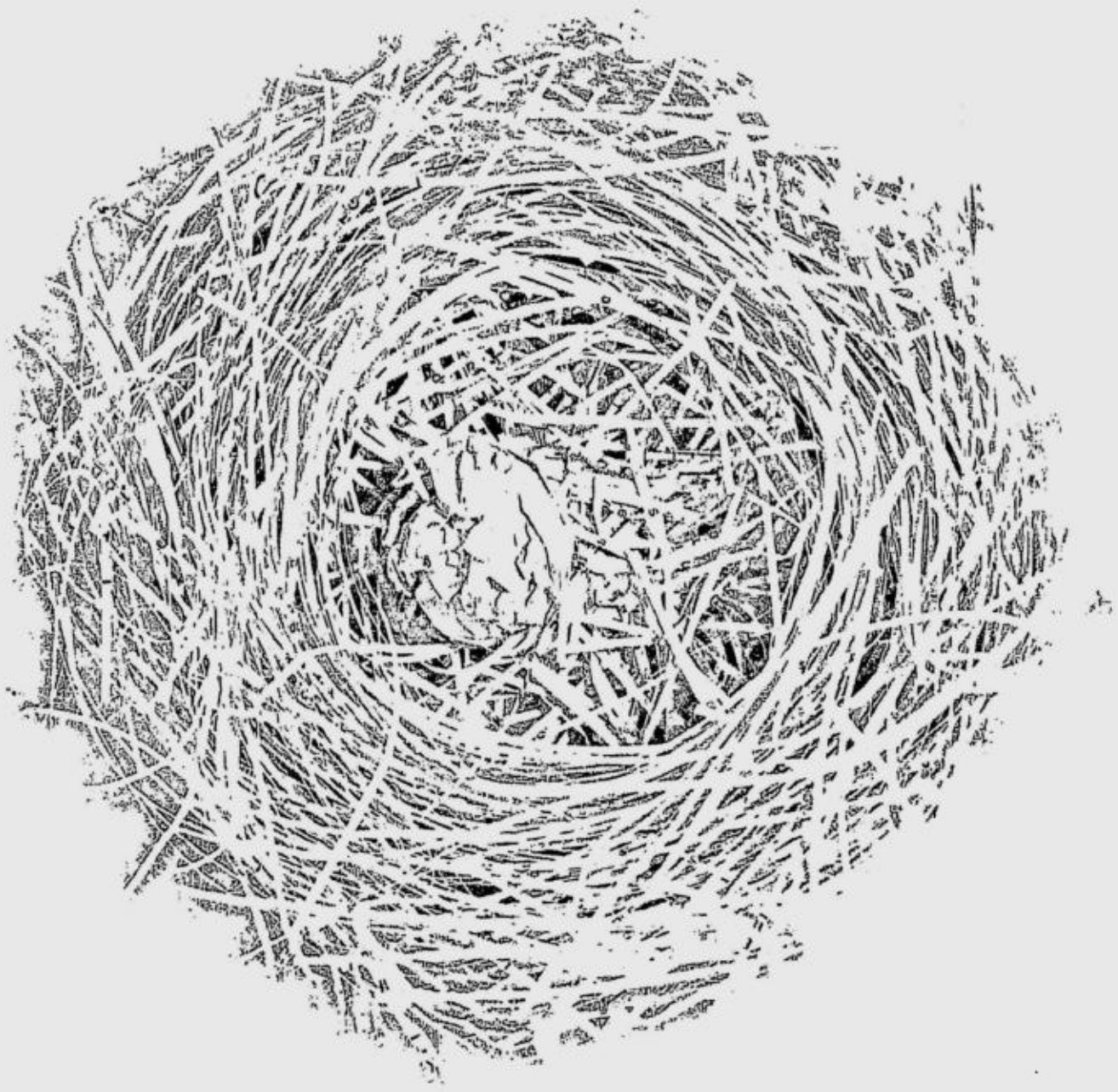
There will be a room for contemplation, at the center of which room will be a mausoleum for the unidentified remains.

Across the WTC site is St. Paul's Chapel where in the weeks following the Sept. 11 tragedy, "thousands of people from different backgrounds and faiths came together to provide physical, spiritual and emotional care to the rescue and recovery workers at Ground Zero. In the midst of tragedy and chaos, this ministry became a symbol of the power of faith and resilience of the human spirit."

If you lost a loved one in the WTC attack, it might interest you to see "Unwavering Spirit: Hope and Healing at Ground Zero," a chronicle of the chapel's unique history and a glimpse into its extraordinary ministry following Sept. 11.

The World Trade Center Memorial Foundation may be reached at PO Box 5024, Bowling Green Station, New York, NY 10274-5024.

Chelo Banal-Formoso



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City of Wow

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the Soup Nazi in "Seinfeld"; from Tiffany's, the iconic jewelry store where Audrey Hepburn would window-shop with her cup of coffee the morning after an all-nighter, to the Ed Sullivan Theater where David Letterman hosts his late-night TV show.

New York by night

Evenings in New York have a reward for those willing to put up with the city's rough edges. Whether it's your first time or your nth, you're duty-bound when in the Big Apple to give your regards to Broadway, or Off Broadway, or Off-Off Broadway, if you will.

It's only a strip of real property but last season, over 11 million people came to Broadway and spent over $770 million in tickets to 39 productions. International travelers accounted for 1.24 million tickets, up from 650,000 the previous season. And the wonderful thing about theater is that it can be a family affair.

If you happen to be in NYC on June 13, catch "Broadway Under the Stars" at Bryant Park. It's a free 90-minute celebration featuring live musical and dance performances by Broadway stars with montages of movie classics.

Take a bite

Then there's the Summer Restaurant Week on June 20-24, and again on June 27-July 1. If you're a foodie, book a flight to the Big Apple because over 150 of the best restaurants in the city will offer bargain prix-fixe lunches and/or dinners. Both the Bryant Park and restaurant events are produced by NYC & Company.

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BROADWAY by day. Cast of "Hairspray" puts on a lunchtime performance' before the Powwow crowd.

MANHATTAN skyline. NYC was venue for the very first Powwow in 1969. This year, 26 Manhattan hotels provided accommodations to delegates.

Tears?

Joyce loves being with little children. She cannot explain how her nephew and nieces can erase all the day's worries and weariness with a gentle smile or a warm embrace. Just by being around them, with their simple joys and pure love, Joyce feels secure and cocooned from the grown-up world's complications. And although she is very happy as a doting aunt, Joyce is very much looking forward to having her own children to brighten up her days always.

Hoping to give back love especially to blind children, Joyce has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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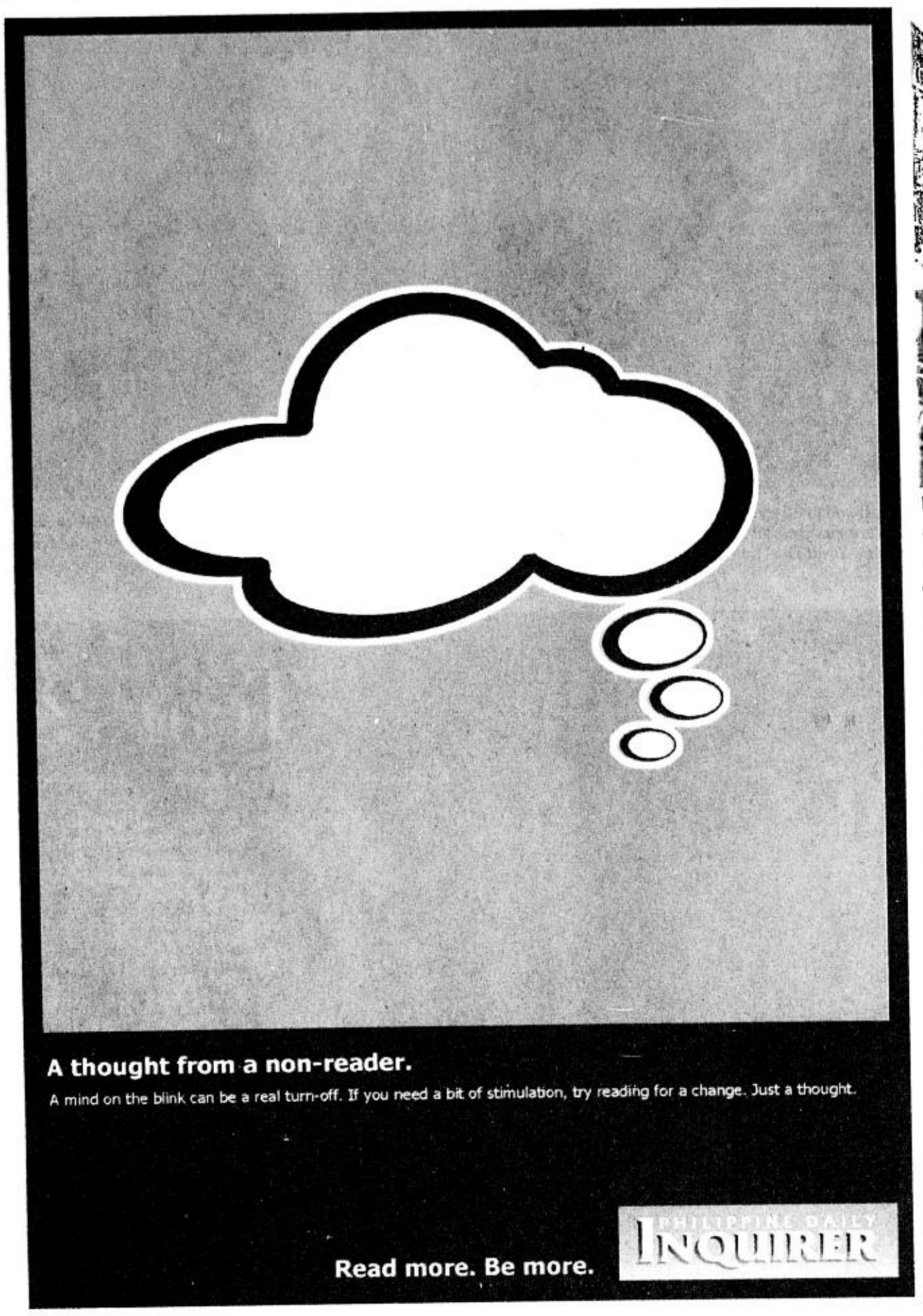

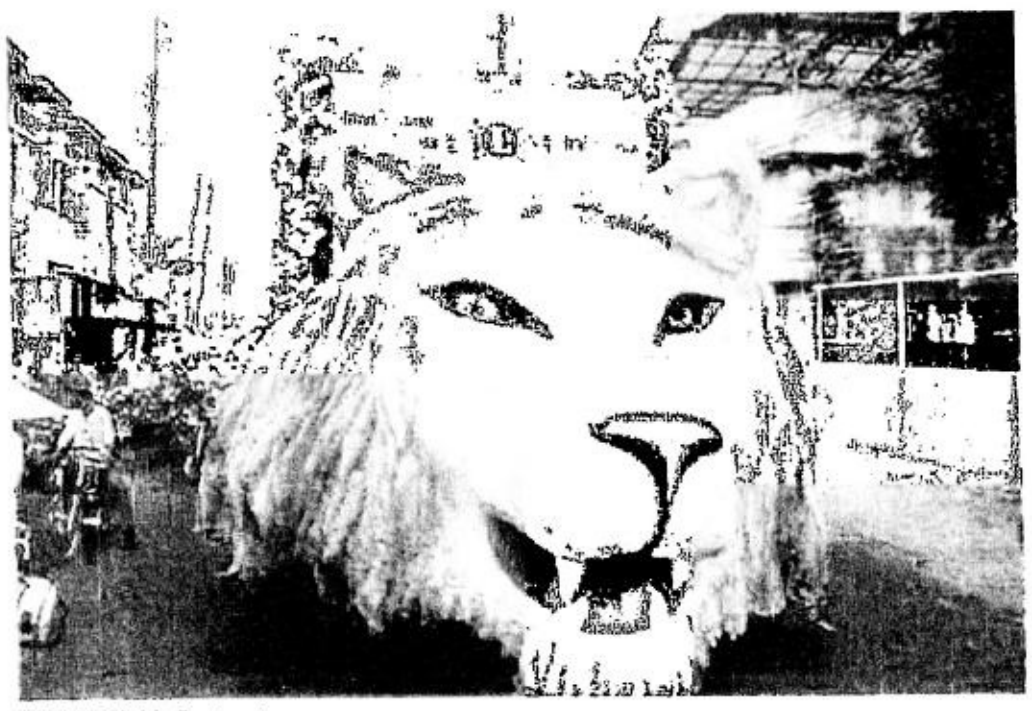

LIONS Club's float entry

Bulacan town holds month-long feast

THE MONTH-LONG celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception was held recently by La Immaculada Concepcion Parish in Sta. Maria, Bulacan.

The 213th celebration of the feast had the theme "Santa Maria: Sikad sa Pagbabago tungo sa Ibayong Pagunlad."

Spearheaded by director Anselmo G. Adriano, the town fiesta committee refurbished the church, both inside and out.

During the month, the image of the Virgin Mary was carried in procession from one house to another.

A colorful fireworks display paid homage to Sta. Maria's having started the fireworks industry in Luzon.

The Araw ng Toda gave recognition to tricycle drivers. It featured the first-ever Best Dressed-up Tricycle Competition.

The float competition was participated in by 14 *carrozas*. Winner of the P50,000 first prize was the Fortunato F. Halili National Agricultural School. The float showcased the agricultural riches of Sta. Maria. The second prize of P30,000 went to Sta. Maria Dairy, while the third prize of P20,000 went to Barangay Balasing.

The fiesta committee also launched a Clean and Green Competition. Winners Barangays Caypombo, Balasing and Catmon, in that order, received P50,000, P30,000 and P20,000.

Historic cultural dances were revived in a show presented by teachers and students of Sta. Maria. Included in the program were the "Pandanggo sa Ilaw" and "Sayaw sa Bangko."

Also part of the cultural presentation was a Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra concert that featured noted tenor Nolyn Cabahug. Compositions by Alfredo Buenaventura and Francisco Santiago, both native sons of Sta. Maria, were performed.

In the choir competition, the San Gabriel Centennial Choir was first, while the Immaculate Conception Master Chorale and the Parada Sto. Niño Parish Choir were second and third, respectively.

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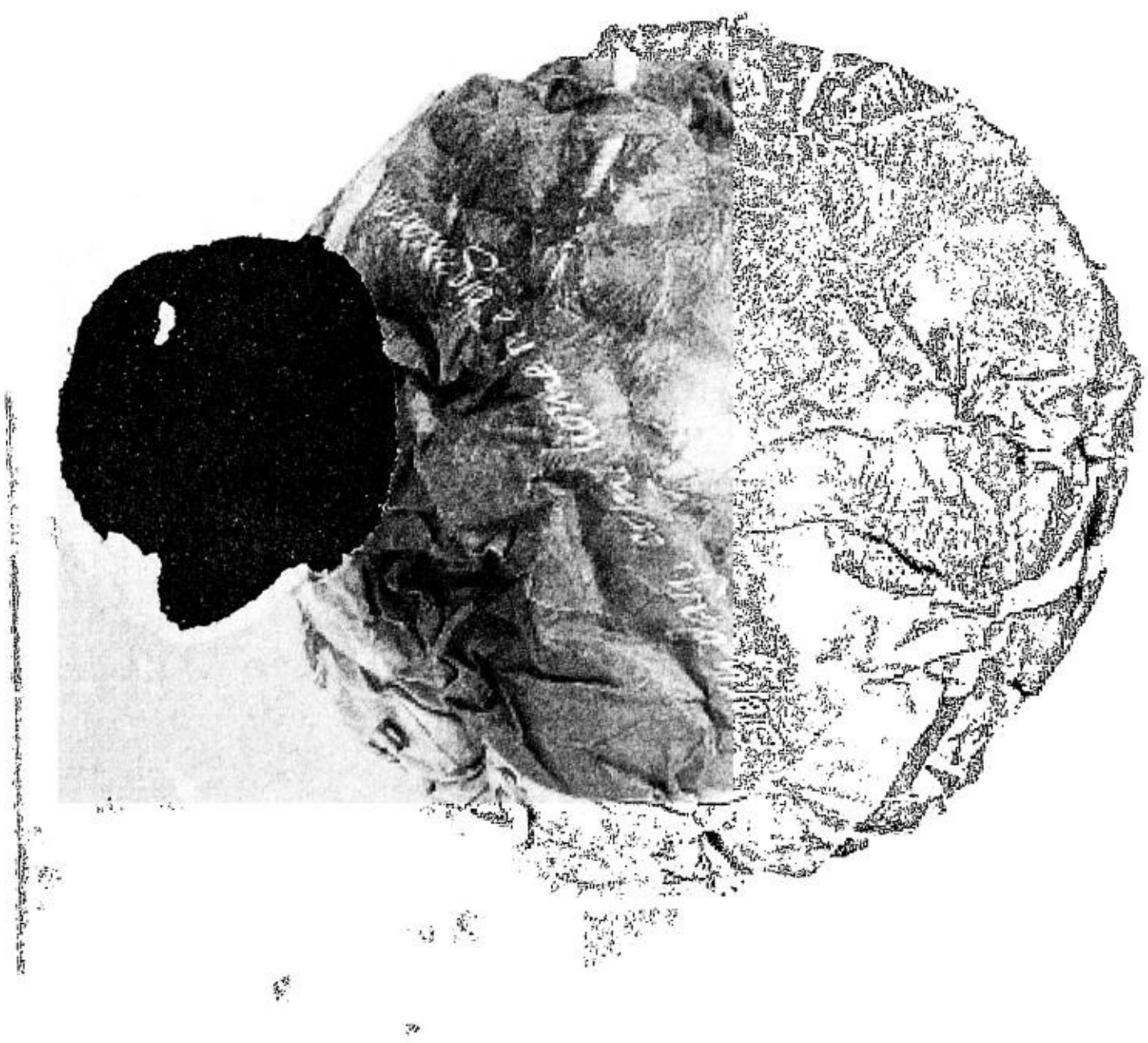

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Ground Floor Midland Buendia Building
403 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue
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Tel.: (02) 898 02 46. Fax: (02) 895 07 42

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BUILDING ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

not over 35 years old; graduate of Business Administration, Mechanical or Electrical Engineering; with 2 years work experience in property management and building administration in the same capacity; able to lead a group, prioritize work load, and meet deadlines

CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER / SUPERVISOR

not over 35 years old; graduate of any 4 year business course; with 1 to 2 years experience in sales and marketing, able to carry out prompt and efficient customer service

SELLING MANAGER / SUPERVISOR

not over 35 years old; graduate of any 4-year business course; with 1 to 2 years experience in retail operations, food chain or in sales in the same capacity; responsible for planning, controlling and directing selling activities and personnel for the attainment of sales targets.

COUNTER & CHECKING MANAGER / SUPERVISOR

not over 35 years old; graduate of any 4-year business course; with 1 to 2 years experience in cashiering operations, familiar with credit card and cash transactions; responsible for over-all supervision of personnel in the department

WAREHOUSE MANAGER / SUPERVISOR

not over 35 years old; graduate of any 4-year business course; with extensive experience in all aspects of warehousing operations in a retail business; able to lead and motivate staff, and foster a team working environment

CUSTOMER RELATIONS SERVICE MANAGER / SUPERVISOR

not over 35 years old; graduate of Criminology or any 4-year business course; male, must be 5'5 ½" & female, 5'2" in height; with 1 year related work experience in handling security matters and personnel; with basic knowledge in crisis management and human behavior; with keen investigation skills, detail oriented and physically fit; can exhibit flexibility to different work assignments, willing to be assigned to provincial branches, and extend work hours

Candidates should have the following competencies:

- ✓ excellent written and oral communication skills
- ✓ can relate well with all levels of the organization
- ✓ proficient in computer software applications
- ✓ team player, goal oriented and able to work well under pressure
- ✓ willing to grow with the organization
- ✓ willing to work on weekends and holidays

SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP

ACCOUNTING MANAGER / OFFICER

must be a Certified Public Accountant; female, not over 35 years old; with 2 to 5 years of managerial experience in all accounting operations; has the ability to work in a fast paced environment; capacity to implement and manage monthly and quarterly budget; with strong computer skills

TREASURY MANAGER / SUPERVISOR

not over 35 years old; graduate of any 4-year business course; with 2 years supervisory experience in accounting, funds management or treasury functions; familiar with banking operations & Central Bank procedures

ADVERTISING & PROMOTION COORDINATOR

graduate of any 4-year business course; with 1 to 2 years experience in advertising; with good communication and coordinating skills; with high initiative and enable to foster creative solutions to support operations sales; must be computer literate

ENGINEER

*** Mechanical * Civil * Electrical**

not over 30 years old; preferably licensed; with 1 year work experience in construction projects or mall operations

DESIGN OFFICER

not over 28 years old; graduate of Architecture; preferably licensed; knowledgeable in AutoCADD application; with 1 year work experience in site inspection and supervision; proficient in drafting, designing and estimates

VISUAL DISPLAY OFFICER

graduate of Fine Arts, or any 4-year related course; with at least 1 year related experience in retail, design or fashion is preferred; current knowledge of RTW, Mens' and Home Fashions is a plus; strong organization, planning, and prioritizing skills; flexible to be scheduled in support of retail hours

TRAINING OFFICER / TRAINER

not over 32 years old; graduate of Education, Psychology, Behavioral Science or any 4-year business course; with 2 years related work experience, possesses good presentation skills; knowledgeable in conducting training needs analysis, designing, implementing and evaluating of training programs and activities related to behavior and skill modification of employees

NURSE

not over 32 years old; must be a Registered Nurse; with 2 years experience in industrial or hospital setup; able to establish rapport and deal with all levels of the organization; willing to work on shift schedules or extended hours

IT ASSOCIATE

not over 28 years old; graduate of Computer Science / Engineering; with 1 to 2 years experience in repair, trouble shooting and maintenance of cash registers

OFFICE ASSISTANT

(Human Resources * Accounting * Treasury * Customer Service)

not over 25 years old; graduate of Psychology, Behavioral Science, Communication Arts, Business Management, Accountancy, Computer Science or any 4-year business course; Personable, fast learner and willing to extend work hours

Interested parties may apply personally from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. or send their comprehensive resumé with recent photo to:

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MYCOM, a multi-national company and specialist for the refrigeration industry is currently in need of the following:

PROJECT ENGINEER

- Handles Japanese .Government Special Project for the Energy Saving Systems
- Licensed Mechanical and/or Electrical Engineer
- Mechanical, Electrical or Instrumentation backgrounds
- Minimum 5 years work experience in designing and commissioning of utility supply and co-generation plants
- Familiar with refrigeration, boiler, gas turbine/engine machinery and equipment
- AUTO CAD knowledge is required
- Excellent communication skills in English (written, verbal and presentation)
- Only qualified and serious candidates are welcome

AFTER-SALES SERVICE MANAGER

- Handles after-sales service of MYCOM refrigeration compressors and equipment
- Licensed Mechanical and/or Electrical Engineer
- Mechanical, Electrical or Instrumentation backgrounds
- Minimum 5 years work experience in the similar industry
- Excellent communication skills in English and local dialects
- Willing to travel and easily adjust the new environment
- Physically fit and healthy

SALES ENGINEER

- Handles MYCOM refrigeration system and equipment sales
- Licensed Mechanical and/or Electrical Engineer
- Mechanical, Electrical or Instrumentation backgrounds
- Minimum 3 years work experience in the similar industry
- Excellent communication skills in English
- Willing to travel and easily adjust the new environment
- Physically fit and healthy
- Must know how to drive

Qualified Applicants are invited to apply: mycom@pacific.net.ph
Please send resumé with photo. Interview will be set by appointment.

MYCOM PHILIPPINES CORPORATION
3F MRDC Bldg., 85 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
Tel: 844-07-67 Fax: 844-07-62
Contact person: Engr. Fernan Reyes

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission
2nd Floor MWSS Engineering Building,
Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City
Telefax Nos. 926-5233; 926-5234

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ELEVEN (11) CIVIL ENGINEERS
With at least minimum 2 to 4 years experience in structural design, exposure to pile works foundation is an advantage. Proficient in AutoCADD and STAAD. Willing to work in shifting schedules.

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With at least minimum 2 to 4 years experience in architectural design and preparation of contract documents. Proficient in AutoCADD. Willing to work in shifting schedules.

ELEVEN (11) DRAFTSMEN
With at least 2 to 3 years relevant experience in the preparation of contract documents and completed two years college studies. Proficient in AutoCADD. Willing to work in shifting schedules.

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Registered Electrical Engineer, with at least 3 to 4 years experience in design and estimate of electrical works. Knowledgeable in MS Office. Willing to work in shifting schedules.

THREE (3) QUANTITY SURVEYORS
Civil Engineering graduate, with at least 2 to 4 years experience in cost estimates. Knowledgeable in AutoCADD and MS Office. Willing to work in shifting schedules.

ONE (1) PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER V (SG-24)
Graduate of Civil Engineering, Architecture, Chemical Engineering, Marine Biology and other Natural Sciences with Masteral Degree and at least 5 years supervisory experience.

Interested applicants must submit their application until June 13, 2005 together with transcript of records, diploma or certificate of graduation to the Administrative Division, Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC), 2nd Floor MWSS Engineering Building, Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City.

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Email applications to **showghee@gmail.com** or send your resumé together with two (2) recent photographs (non-retrievable) to **Helena Florist, 47, Jalan Medan Midah, Taman Midah, Cheras, 56000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.** Venue for interview will be held in Manila, Philippines. Please state your current and expected salary.

Closing Date: 23 June 2005
Only short listed candidates will be notified.

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A construction firm is in need of:

1. **Licensed Civil Engineers for a position of Project Manager and Project Engineer**
2. **Female Civil Engineer (Cost Engineer)**
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Qualifications Needed:

- with 5 years experience in construction
- with knowledge in windows computer programme
- with knowledge and experience in estimating plans
- with experience in project site supervisor
- willing to be assigned in projects outside Metro Manila
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- Proficient in MS Office Applications
- Banking experience will be an advantage

ACCOUNT ASSOCIATES (Kalookan & Makati)
- Will be responsible in assisting Account Officers in servicing of accounts and handling of the documentation of accounts
- Graduate of any 4 year business course
- Must possess good analytical skills; good communication skills; highly developed interpersonal skills and a high sense of responsibility

ACCOUNT OFFICER – Corporate Banking (Kalookan)
- Will be responsible in evaluating and recommending Credit facilities/loan proposals. Candidate will also market and manage borrowing clients' availments, collections and accommodations of credit facilities
- Minimum 3 years experience as Corporate Account Officer in any Commercial/Universal Bank

ANALYST/PROGRAMMER
- Will be responsible in translating system specifications into technical specifications and for writing program codes
- Graduate of BS Computer Science or any IT related course
- Banking experience will be an advantage

ATM ASSOCIATE
- Will be responsible in monitoring availability of the Bank's ATMs; and in ensuring all interbank ATM transactions are accounted for and properly settled with the clients/other banks ATM centers
- Graduate of any 4 year business course
- Work experience in the same field will be an advantage

INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER
- Will be responsible in managing, planning and administering operational and administrative activities associated with the running of the organization's IT Security; will also develop and implement security standards, procedures and guidelines for multiple platforms and diverse systems environment
- Graduate of any IT related course
- Minimum 3 years experience in the same field

NETWORK ENGINEER
- Will be responsible for network administration, network optimization, planning, design, and evaluation. Will also handle the LAN/WAN administration, Internet/Intranet/remote access operations.
- Graduate of BS ECE or BS Computer Engineering
- Minimum 3 years experience in LAN/WAN internetworking/administration, network planning and performance management

SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE
- Will be responsible for the administrative requirements of the unit
- Graduate of any 4 year business course
- Work experience in the same field will be an advantage

SKIPTRACERS
- Will be responsible for asset checking and gathering of information on missing clients/collaterals and conducting field skiptracing to establish their present whereabouts
- Graduate of any 4 year business course or BS Criminology
- Minimum 1 year experience as Skiptracer or Credit Investigator
- Male, can drive a motorcycle and motor vehicle

BRANCH CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE
- Will be responsible in client/account servicing in the branch
- Graduate of any 4 year business course

BRANCH SALES ASSOCIATE
- Will be responsible for handling and processing account opening, and other bank products
- Graduate of any 4 year business course
- Minimum 1 year bank experience in Branch Operations

BRANCH SALES OFFICER
- Will be responsible in account solicitation for the branch and assisting in the servicing and maintenance of existing account holders
- Graduate of any 4 year business course
- Minimum 2 years experience in a Sales/Marketing function in a bank or any financial institution

BRANCH SALES SPECIALISTS
- This is an entry position eventually leading to Sales Officership. Qualified candidates will undergo classroom and on the job training involving field sales calls, sales planning, prospecting, appointment getting and presentation. Candidates are expected to attain targets for number of sales calls, accounts opened and volume of funds generated.
- Graduate of any 4 year course with strong inclination and high aptitude for sales

BRANCH SERVICE HEAD
- Will be responsible for the over-all Branch Operations
- Graduate of any 4 year business course
- Minimum 2 years experience as Branch Operations Officer or have handled both Branch Cashier and Branch Accountant positions in any Commercial/Universal Bank

Be a part of a company with Global Standards, currently being benchmarked in Service & Competence.

Interested parties are requested to send their comprehensive resumés to any of the addresses below with a 2x2 photo attached.

(POSITION APPLIED FOR)
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Quality Health Safety & Environment (QHSE) Officer

All applicants should have the following qualifications:

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Experience:
- At least five (5) years experience in supervisory position, with good people management skills
- Extensive experience in EMS such as ISO 9001/1400 BS85555 and application of cleaner production concepts

Skills:
- Basic Knowledge in Laboratory Operatins, Process and Maintenance of Laboratory Instruments
- Good Technical Foundation and Outstanding Problem-Solving Skills
- Ability to Plan and Organize Workloads
- Good Oral and Written Communication Skills
- Open-minded, Team player, Computer literate

Other Qualifications:
- Male/Female, 32-40 years old

ONLY QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Qualified applicants are requested to email resumé with 2x2 photo not later than **June 15, 2005** to the following add: cristina.malabanan@bayercropscience.com or you may submit it to Ms. Cris Malabanan, 3F Bayer House, Canlubang Industrial Estate, Calamba City.

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Chino Roces Ave., Makati City
Tel. No. 892-0101 to 04

Don Bosco Technical Institute, a private Catholic educational institution is in need of individuals to fill in the following positions:

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- Male/Female, between 23-30 years old
- Graduate of Bachelor of Elementary Education / Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with specialization in Math / Sibika / Language / Religious Education
- Bachelor in Early Childhood Education

Music Teacher
- Male, between 25-30 years old
- Graduate of Bachelor of Music major in Music Education (piano & voice)

Technical Teacher
- Male, between 25-30 years old
- Graduate of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education major in Electrical Technology
- Graduate of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering with certification of teaching

Interested applicants must also possess the following:
- ☐ Teaching license
- ☐ Good communication Skills
- ☐ Preferably with teaching experience and computer literate
- ☐ Roman Catholic

Applicants are requested to bring personally their comprehensive resumé with recent photo together with a photocopy of transcript of records and professional ID license to the Human Resource Office not later than June 10, 2005.

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We will look for strong leadership skills in the candidate. He or she will be responsible for expanding the company's highly successful export product into supermarkets. He or she will recruit a team, and lead development/execution of our supermarket distribution expansion effort. A marketing program will support this effort.

Candidates must present the following items in his or her bio-data:
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- Training programs conducted
- Sales awards achieved

We need a person who wants to be recognized as the one who placed the company's products on supermarket shelves. The person can look forward to bigger responsibilities in our company as recognition of this achievement.

Our compensation package will be commensurate to your experience and skills, and you can look forward to being part of an organization with so much potential for growth.

KEY ACCOUNT SALES SPECIALIST, METRO MANILA

With at least 2 years experience selling to supermarkets in Manila. Experience in frozen foods would be an advantage. Must have proven track record in building profitable volume growth for his customers and products.

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INTERESTED APPLICANTS SHOULD SEND THEIR CVS TO
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We are in urgent need of candidates for the following positions:

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HUMAN INTEGRATED RESOURCES EXPERTS, INC.
3/F 8338 Fortuna II Bldg. Sucat Rd., Parañaque City
Tel. Nos. 8265567 to 68; 8252409; 8290079
Email Address: hireinc@skyinet.net

CARE – Philippines, a non-government humanitarian organization fighting poverty, is searching for qualified candidates for:

PROJECT OFFICER

The work primarily involves the implementation of CARE Philippines' Community-based Disaster Reduction Project in Calabanga, Camarines Sur under the Disaster Management (DM) Program. S/he will undertake community and school-based training activities, coordinate with local partners, write project reports, and carry out documentation of best practices. Additional local travel to other project areas of CARE will be required, but not on a regular basis.

Applicants should have at least a bachelor's degree and 3 years relevant experience in social development, preferably in the area of disaster management. S/he must possess excellent analytical skills, the appropriate values consistent with social development work, good communication and interpersonal skills, competent written English and be computer literate. Email **recruitment@care.org.ph** for full details of the job description, qualifications and application process. The salary for this item will be P13,000. Submit resumé by June 13, 2005 to: The DM Program Officer, CARE Philippines, 3rd Flr., Luisa 2 Bldg., 107 Maginhawa St., Teachers Village East, Quezon City, Tel. Nos. 928-8246 / 928-8256.

A Leading Company is looking for a

Research Manager and Research Executive

with the following qualifications:
- College graduate (preferably Statistics/Psychology/Communication Research or Research-related courses)
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- At least 1 year supervisory experience for Research Manager
- With working knowledge in statistics and statistical packages

Submit or mail your Resume, Transcript of Records and 2x2 picture to

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Profile of Vacant Position
SECURITY COORDINATOR

Our company is in need of a **Security Coordinator** who will report directly to the **Human Resources Security Manager.** Interested applicants should be willing to be relocated to Cebu.

PURPOSE

Formulates and implements security systems and procedures, inspects and monitors security guards to ensure compliance to prescribed AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

GLOBAL QUALITY PROGRAM FOR SERVICE PROVIDER

- Recommends measures for effective and efficient performance of duties and tasks of the security service provider in general and the detachment commander, shift-in-charge and security guards in particular IN ORDER TO meet CEMEX-wide global quality standards and policies

CRISIS MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

- Conducts timely reports security surveys, intelligence data gathering activities and prepares contingency plans in cases of strikes, lockouts, calamities and other emergency situations IN ORDER TO protect company property and personnel from such unlawful and unauthorized persons or calamitous condition drug abuse prevention
- Conduct anti-drug awareness and detection drives in coordination with concerned government agency, PDEA, to employees and their dependents on the ill effects of illegal drugs IN ORDER TO ensure a healthy and productive work environment at the jobsites and in their houses

EXECUTIVE & EXPATRIATE PROTECTION

- Provide close in security coverage to visiting executives, VIPs and guests in all places of engagements within the areas of responsibility in coordination with the service provider IN ORDER TO preclude any untoward incidents and ensure their safety while in the country

INDUSTRY NETWORKING

- Builds and develops continuous working relationships with assets from the government agencies, Armed Forces and Police intelligence units and the Philippine Society for Industrial Security (PSIS) colleagues IN ORDER TO keep abreast with current threats situation and state of the art security trends

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

- Participates and consolidates periodic reports and other required documents IN ORDER TO ensure compliance to corporate management requirements

REPORT GENERATION

- Prepares and consolidates periodic and other required documents IN ORDER TO ensure compliance to corporate management requirements

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Education/Experiences

- Degree holder with background in police or military work
- Preferably with at least a Captain or Chief Inspector rank
- At least 3 years experience handling security for a manufacturing company

Specific Knowledge

- Knowledge in intelligence and investigative work

Profile of Vacant Position
EHS ENGINEER

Our Human Resources Department is in need of an EHS (Environment, Health & Safety Inspector to be assigned in Solid Plant Antipolo

Mission:

To provide key support in complying to the Objectives of DAO 2000-98
To promote a culture of safety and health;
To provide for the strict enforcement of safety and health measures;
To provide for effective monitoring systems, inspections, investigations and inquiries to improve health and safety;
To establish tripartite linkages in promoting safety and health matters;
To promote training and human resources development;
To comply with the international law obligations of the government relating to mine safety and health.

General Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conducts daily inspections per area of operation including the quarry to ensure compliance of operation to EHS requirements of the company
- Monitors compliance of the plant to FM Global requirements to ensure maintenance of HPR rating
- Monitors the compliance of the plant to environmental Standards
- Reports directly to the EHS Manager (Solid)/ EHS Officer for APO
- Other EHS related works as maybe assigned by the EHS Manager/Officer

Requirements:

- Bachelors degree in any Engineering courses (Mining, Civil, Sanitary, Chemical, Electrical or Mechanical)
- Three years minimum working experience
- Willing to render extended working hours, familiar with environment and safety laws, familiar with ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001
- Accredited with the DENR-EMB as PCO and as Safety Officer from DENR-MGB or DOLE

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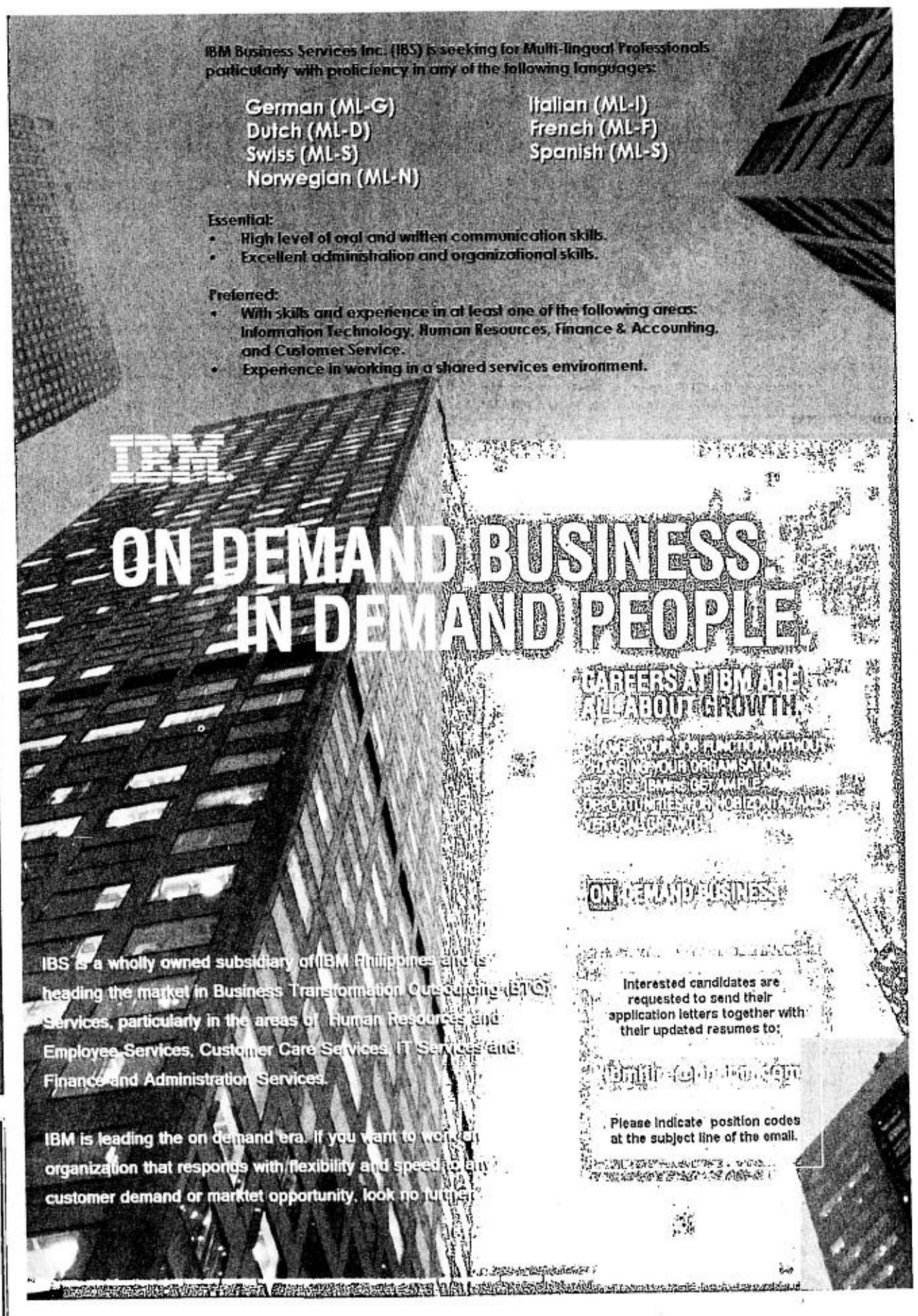

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The LEAD for Health Project is a three-year contract between USAID and MSH that ends on September 30, 2006. There are two 2-year optional extension periods.

MSH is currently seeking qualified candidates to fill in the position of:

GRANTS MANAGER

Overall Responsibilities: The Project is expected to cover 530 municipalities and cities (LGUs) over the three years, covering around 40% of the national population, and 80% of the barangays in each LGU. Technical assistance to these LGUs will be provided by the LEAD Project using subcontracts to service implementation organizations (SIOs) both at the central and regional or provincial levels. In addition, selected LGUs will be eligible to receive performance-based grants of up to $25,000 for completion of a set of deliverables in furtherance of the Program's goals.

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Qualifications:

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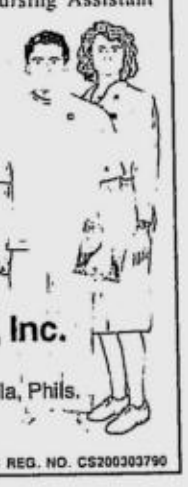

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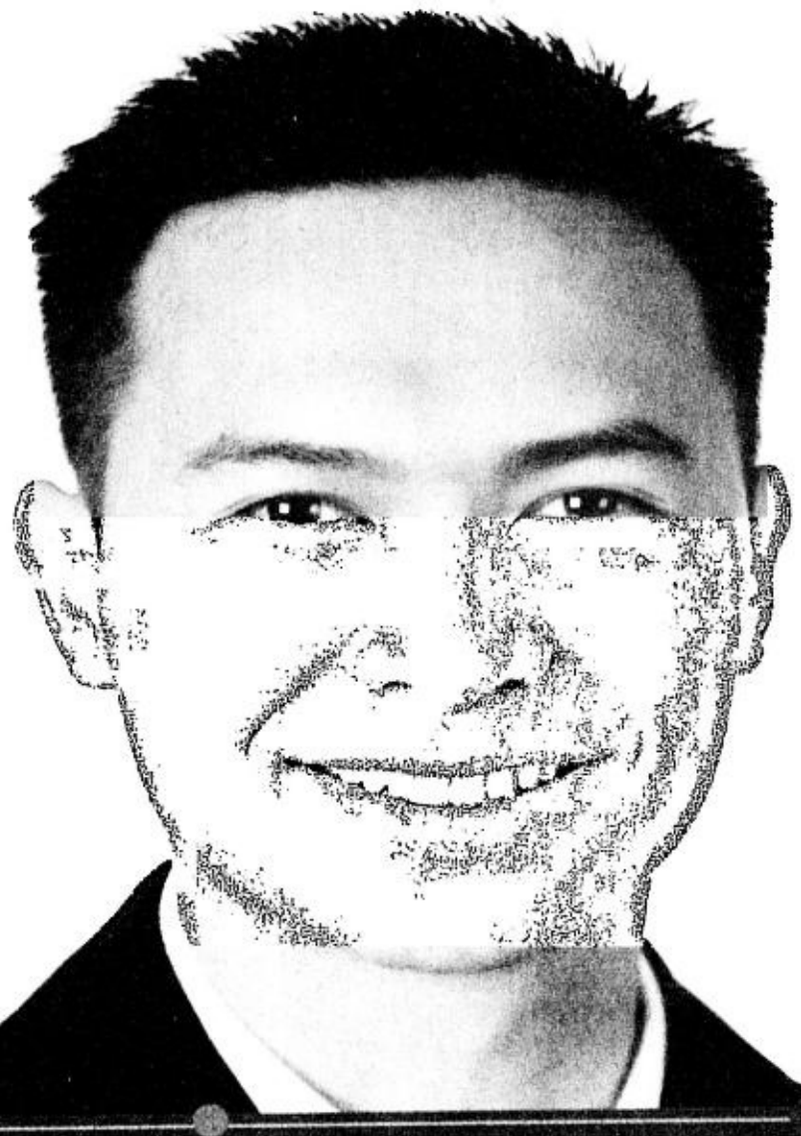

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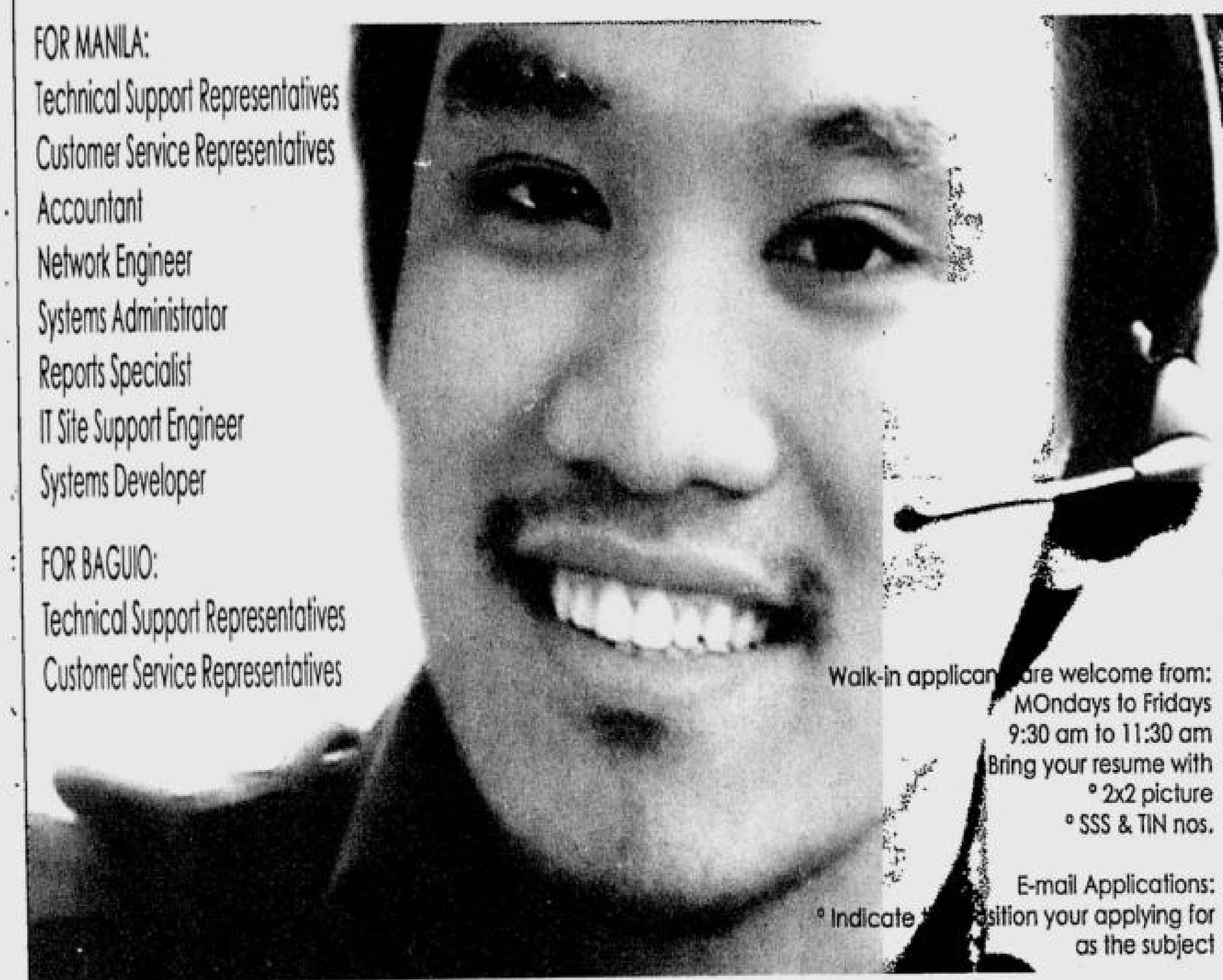

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June 5, 2005 (Sunday)

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11AM TO 11:50 AM CALL CENTER INDUSTRY OVERVIEW & COMMUNICATION SKILLS TRAINING
Mr. George Briñas and Ms. Jet Reynes, Call Center Academy

Session 1-A
12NN TO 12:50 PM AWARENESS ON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ABROAD
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Session 2
1PM to 1:50PM PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT
Ms. Arlene Mogar, Powerspeak

Session 3
3PM TO 3:50PM ACQUIRING AMERICAN ACCENT
Dr. Jose Mordeno, President, Speechpower

Session 4
4:30PM TO 5:20PM SPEAK BETTER ENGLISH
Ms. Christine Santos, Partner, YTC Tutorial and Review Center

Session 5
6PM TO 6:50PM ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS CAREER ALTERNATIVE
Mr. Mark Frederick H. So, CEO, Businessmaker Academy

WORKSHOPS
JOB INTERVIEW WORKSHOP (2-hour comprehensive Session)
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June 6, 2005 (Monday)

Session 6
11AM TO 11:50 AM BUSINESS IDEAS WHILE IN-BETWEEN-JOBS
Mr. Mark Frederick H. So, CEO, Businessmaker Academy

Session 6-A
12NN TO 12:50 PM AWARENESS ON THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, Allies Career (Bonus Session)

Session 7
1PM TO 1:50PM DISCOVER YOUR PERSONAL POWER
Mr. Joey Reyes, President, Powerspeak

Session 7-A
2PM TO 2.50PM WINNING RESUMES AND EFFECTIVE JOB INTERVIEWS
Mr. Jessie Rebustillo, Head, Classified Ads Division, Phil. Daily Inquirer

Session 8
3PM TO 3:50PM ACQUIRING AMERICAN ACCENT
Dr. Jose Mordeno, President, Speechpower

Session 9
4:30PM TO 5:20PM ENGLISH ENHANCEMENT FOR ALL PURPOSES (Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking Skills)
Ms. Christine Santos, Partner, YTC Tutorial and Review Center

Session10
6PM TO 6:50PM INCREASE YOUR JOB SEARCH SUCCESS
Ms. Jane Soco, Marketing Manager, JOBSDB.COM

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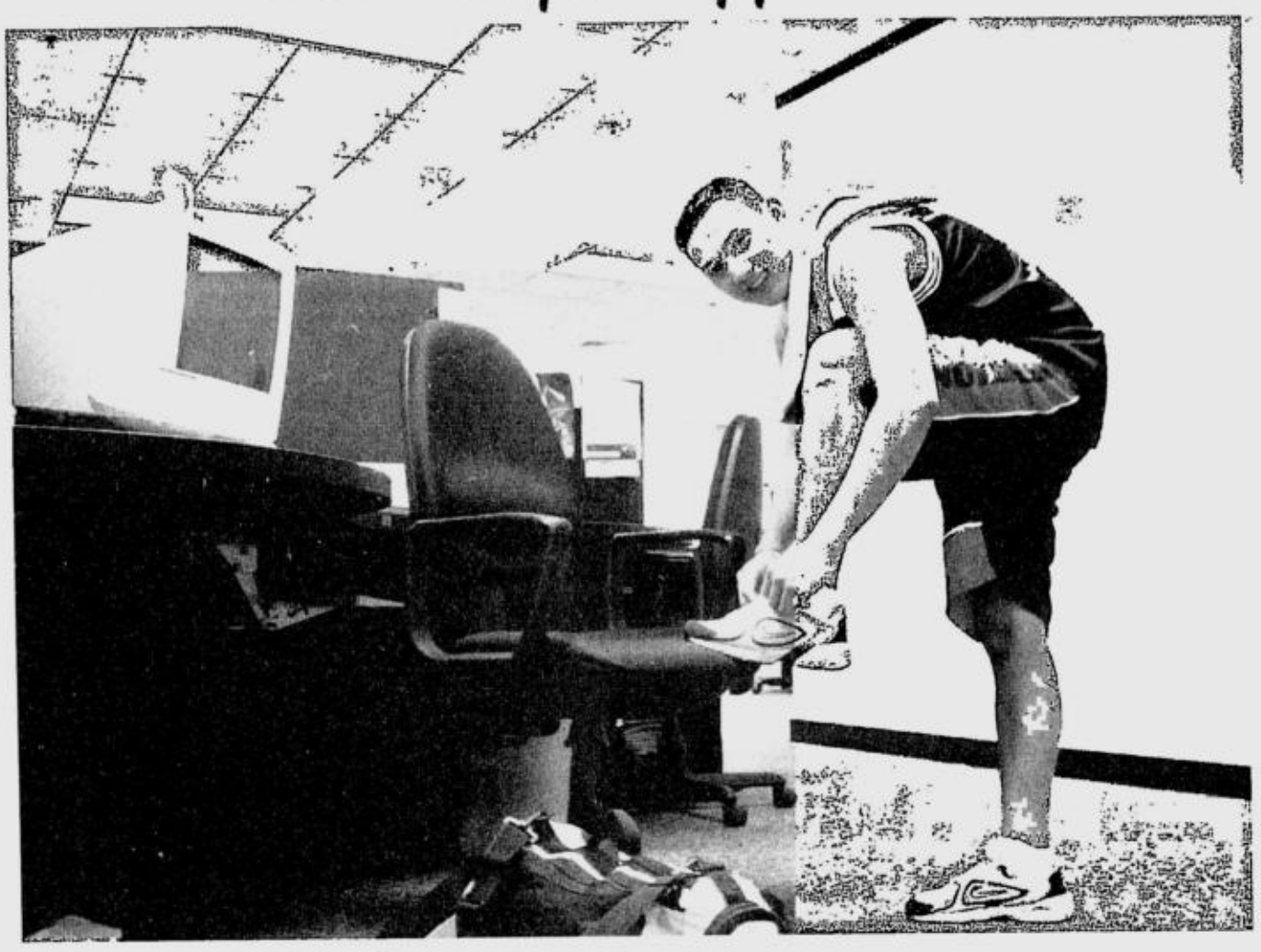

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Coffey — Gender Equality Advisor

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- facilitate exchange and sharing of experiences and lessons in gender mainstreaming implementation

Qualifications

- a university degree, preferably at the masters or doctorate level, in social science or other relevant discipline
- at least ten years experience in international development work
- demonstrated experience in the following: gender equality policy, analysis and programming; gender mainstreaming; also program/project management
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What makes a man: corporate dressing for men

By Candy G. Villanueva
Contributor

YOU see him often in your office building. Wrapped in self-confidence, the crowd parts to give way. Tall and proud, he stands looking like he owns the world. People treat him with deference as he offers a polite smile or a quick nod to anyone that crosses his path. Wistfully you think, what I would give to be like him. Maybe, you wonder, he's a top executive in the floor above your office. Actually, he looks more like a junior partner in the law firm across your door. But he may well be a marketing assistant on his way up.

After all, what makes a man? There are over a dozen answers to this question but this man decides to start with his outer appearance. He starts with a pair of newly shined shoes and a well-fitted shirt that compliments his silk tie. After all, people do dress for success.

So how does one begin? If you just graduated, it may be smart to start building up your wardrobe. This way, when you finally get that job, you don't have to spend a big amount to replace all your T-shirts with dress shirts. Or, if you've been in the same desk job for years and wish to move up, you might want an upgrade. If you've been wearing the same button down shirt since you got your job, going to office in a suit the next day may finally get your boss' attention.

Suiting up

Considering our climate, the suit is not a popular choice in the work place, but if you're thinking of moving up, it would be a good idea to invest on at least one set. Wool is the perfect choice because its matrix of keratin fibers makes it drape well on the body. Although it is coarser than textile fibers like cotton or silk, it is more resilient. Thus, it resists wrinkling and snagging which is perfect for the restless and active male. Unfortunately, wool is warm for our kind of weather so tailors suggest a mix of wool and polyester or cotton. Light wool, crepe and linen are also popular choices.

Exclusively His, a 40-year-old business that specializes on formal and casual wear for men, strongly suggests a suit for power meetings, formal dinners and conventions. "You must take the texture of your suit material and color into consideration when attending special occasions. Normally, black and charcoal grey suits would be the most appropriate," advises Melissa de Ocampo, design manager of Exclusively His. Remember that the darker the suit, the more dignified and professional you look. If you're the more adventurous type, consider pinstripes or chalk stripes. The glen plaid, also known as the glen check, with the twill pattern of broken checks in black and white, is the boldest you should go. Forget white or the more colorful choices; they go best for entertaining.

Nothing gives a more negative impression than an ill-fitted suit. Remember, your size and measurements are unique. It would be best to have one tailor-made than to pick one off the rack. "If you buy RTW (ready-to-wear), fit is hit or miss. More often than not, people will need to have an RTW suit altered in order to get the right fit. Which in the end is costly because altering a suit takes a lot of work. On the other hand, if you get a tailor to take your measurements and create the suit based on your body, it should drape exactly as you want it," explains de Ocampo.

Dress shirt

You can never go wrong with the white, long-sleeved oxford shirt. If you've restrained yourself from being flamboyant in the color of your suit, you can play around with the hues of your shirt. Pastel colors like baby pink and baby blue are acceptable for button down shirts. Pinstripes are also a nice choice. If you want patterns, don't go for the screaming ones. Choose subtle patterns and textures, and don't wear them on your shirt and pants at the same time. If you are wearing a jacket over your shirt, make sure it's lighter than your jacket.

Naturally, 100 percent cotton is the best way to go. "Cotton is man's best friend because it lets your sweat glands breath more especially in this tropical country," adds Jody Ochoa, brand communications manager of MEMO, a work wear collection from the creators of Penshoppe. A polycotton mix of 80 percent cotton and 20 percent polyester is the second option. Just remember that the more polyester, the less the fabric breathes.

Proper collar

According to Exclusively His' design manager, the most visible part of your shirt is your collar so make sure it's well-made. There are several collar options. The most popular is the pointed and the spread collar. In the past, the standard collar height is 1 1/4 inch, however, the new trend is 1 1/2 inch. The collar width used to be about 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 inches. Nowadays, it's between 3 to 3 1/2 inches.

A perfect fit means the collar is wrapped smartly around your neck. Not too tightly though, lest you turn blue even before your interview begins. Wrapped smartly around your neck means you should only be able to insert one finger between your collar and your neck for comfort. Any bigger than that, the collar appears slouchy.

"The tapered, slimmer cut is what's in vogue nowadays for the fit of the body of the shirt. The cuff of the shirt is bigger too, between 2 3/4 to 3 1/2 inches from the original 2 1/2 inches," says de Ocampo. There are a wide variety of cuff designs so don't limit yourself to the standard barrel cuff. The cuff should end about 1 1/4 inch from your wrist bone. Finally, see to it that the stitching of your shirt is fine. The finishing of your shirt inside should be strong, preferably double-stitched. (*E-mail the author at* candyvillanueva@pldtdsl.net.)

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It also relates to the society as a whole, but I admit that so far, there are not that many examples of positive societal change going on. Today, we live in a world which is more challenging, more difficult. But that's exactly why we need a deeper approach to change, in order to cope with that. I'm talking about a deeper process of participating in the social war that allows you to bring in the deeper sources of knowing, the intelligence of the will.

PAW: How did presencing affect and change your life? What were the life-changing experiences that happened to you because you applied its concepts to your own life?

OS: Through a couple of personal experiences, I realized that there is another part in myself that I have not known yet. I realized how much of my identity, of who I thought I was, was related to the whole material world outside. But when all of that is gone, I realized that there was yet another part that was not related to my past experiences. *(Author's note: Dr. Scharmer's family lost their generations-old house to a fire that burned everything to the ground; he was a teenager at the time.)*

Later on, when I did the interview project, I realized that in many of these conversations, at some point you cross a threshold in a dialogue where you enter a true "thinking together" and flow where the conversation is no longer an exchange of statements, but where something really new and authentic and exciting is beginning to happen. This deep process of conversation is something that's connected to tapping to a deeper pause or a deeper possibility, which is a part of many creative processes.

I also noticed that it is possible for a group to operate on the same deep level, where the members enter, as a group, something that we could call sacred space, where you really connect with the central core of what that community is all about. When that happens, everything changes. The structure of relationship among people changes, and they begin to operate with one another much more effectively; they are much more effective in creating innovations. That is what I've seen in organizations, and that's what I believe is possible for society as well. But to do that in society, we need to create infrastructures, we need to connect leaders across all three sectors of business, government and civil society.

PAW: Given the very delicate situation wherein we find the world today, how do you, personally, see the future?

OS: I see three global shifts going on in the world today: the rise of the global economy, the rise of the network society, which is a revolution in the relationship structure, and the rise of a new cultural awareness, a deeper quality of awareness going on that's also a global phenomenon. In an age of these global shifts or revolutions, we have new challenges, we have the social divide. More and more people are at the bottom of the economic pyramid. We have global challenges and no institutions to deal with that. There is also the rise of fundamentalism, cultural fundamentalism, as well as other forms of fundamentalism.

The next 10 or 15 years will lead us to an increased instability, turbulence and breakdowns. What's going on is going to continue. The intensity is probably increasing. We have an old set of systems that continues to lead us into breakdowns and institutional arrangements that no longer work. There is a challenge to create innovations—social, economic and societal innovations that could deal with the challenges of this century. These innovations particularly have to deal with how to change the structure of relationship across institutions in a way that they are more collaborative. It's also about how to use the power of dialogue, not just within but also *across* systems. And for these innovations to happen we need new processes, deeper structures. That will be the main task for the years coming forward.

It will be a turbulent time of major challenges including breakdowns. We will be increasingly faced with situations where we need to recreate systems. The old structures are running into crisis, and the players need new foundations, new kinds of relations, and new institutions to innovate the basic institutions in our society like education, the way we deal with environment, economy, the way we organize politics, and democracy. All these fundamental questions need to be renewed in the light of the challenges that we face this century.

We need to learn how to advance and renew the institutions in a way that also access the collective intelligence that's accessible today to people, but that we don't use. All we use are markets, hierarchy, and networks. Those are the old mechanisms. But to move forward, we need to use the source of collective intelligence. It's not looking good today, here and in the other places. And in the near term, it is probably going to be worse. But that's not what I think long term. *(Send feedback to* blubitel@yahoo.com.*)*

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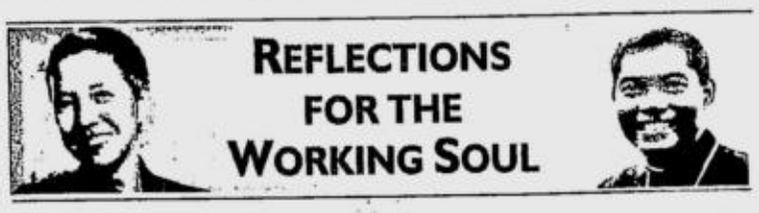
Charismatic leaders

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

CAN you imagine how charismatic the man Jesus must have been? He said only two words to Matthew—"Follow me"—and the latter got up and obeyed. The tax collector simply left his post and followed Jesus, no questions asked. How many people as "magnetic" as Jesus can you find in your place of work?

Charismatic leaders also exist in many of today's workplaces, men and women who seem driven by high ideals and deep concern for their fellow workers' welfare, so much so that they come on like office messiahs ready to take on the world in the name of justice and equality. They may start out as everybody's *kuya* (elder brother)—genuinely caring for others, becoming the voice of the voiceless particularly as workers' rights or benefits are the issue—but no one can guarantee they will end up as the same champion of the oppressed as they began. We've known a number who remained true to their ideals and marched to their death in their defense, unsung heroes we nonetheless salute, but we've also known a greater number who either "sell out" in due time, (abandoning their fight in favor or a comfortable life), or who turn into megalomaniacs exploiting the ignorance and trust of the very coworkers they profess to protect.

Not all charismatic leaders in our workplaces are willing to walk the path that Jesus trod—dying for love to save others—thus, every worker must be so formed and informed as to be able to judge for himself the direction being taken by the leaders in their midst. A worker's best armor against unemployment or workplace injustice is competence, coupled with dedication founded on the precepts of The Master Himself. Following Jesus, one can never be out of work—productive, rewarding work. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com.)



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Gospel: Mt. 9: 9-13

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed Him.

The Real Presence

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

ONE of the meaningful contacts I get to have with workers is when I am invited to celebrate Mass with them. I have been invited several times to say Mass in factories, offices and other business centers particularly when there are special events being commemorated such as anniversaries, etc. However, I observe that the Mass in these circumstances seems to be seen as just one of the activities of the day, albeit one intended to make the event something special, spiritual and more significant. But, having the Mass celebrated on special events, (and even in ordinary times for that matter), carries a significance that is much greater than just lending glamour to the event; it is a real and personal happening between God and us.

The Mass is a real encounter between God and us, His children—the God, who came down from heaven and became man in Jesus Christ—and us, His beloved children who are called to go beyond our ordinary activities in this life and to share in the divine life. The Eucharist is the "Real Presence" of Jesus for those who believe in Him and His words. Celebrating and participating in the Mass is not just going through an obligatory ritual, but it is going though a deeply personal experience of God coming to each one of us, where we are, and lovingly inviting us to follow Him.

Even if many times we do not feel the presence of Jesus when we celebrate or participate in the Mass, we need not despair. Let us instead be inspired by today's Gospel which reminds us, that as Jesus called Matthew in his work to follow Him, Jesus also invites each of us in our work and even with our work, to follow Him in His work of saving. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg.skyinet.net.)

'I want to do effective presentations'

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jectives, then outline of the presentation. Begin by acknowledging your audience and proceed with an effective "takeoff" to capture and sustain their interest. Build up interest until the conclusion. End by summarizing key points and leave your listeners with a striking statement, anecdote or call to action.

3. Watch your body language. Research shows that the believability of what we communicate is influenced 7 percent by words, 38 percent by the tone of voice, and 55 percent by body language—or 93 percent by non-verbals. Body language is mostly facial expression, posture and hand gestures. Smile and maintain eye contact with your audience. Make them participants, not listeners. Talk with them; don't talk down to them. Don't forget the Swiss saying, "*Kleider machen leute*" (clothes make the person). If you are going to talk about "Personal Financial Mastery" you don't have to wear a P469,000 Rolex watch, but don't appear with a P300 plastic digital watch.

4. Use the right equipment and tools. Master making Powerpoint or similar high-tech presentations. The right equipment can enhance the effectiveness of your presentations. Use the right visuals, knowing that most people learn 83 percent by sight, 11 percent by hearing, and 6 percent by touch, taste and smell combined. Give handouts when necessary. Most importantly, proofread your materials—typographical errors reduce dramatically the credibility of the presentation. Do not overload slides with many thoughts—use keywords only and explain your slides as you talk. Before going to the venue, confirm your equipment. Have backups as well.

5. Believe in yourself. Desire and persistence are keys to success as a Trainer or in making presentations. Be passionate about your message and your ability to communicate better. Develop confidence and improve your skills—know your weak points and correct them by getting professional help and having constant practice. In every situation, as long as you prepare, you know more than anybody else in the audience. "The most vital quality a speaker can possess is self-assurance," says Peter Urs Bender, a leading expert in making presentations.

These are basic tips on how you can be a good communicator or presenter. It took me some practice over the years before I could master them myself—and I continue to improve myself in every occasion. I am so glad to pass these on to readers like you.

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A CONVERSATION WITH DR. OTTO SCHARMER

To realize your best potential, connect with future self

By Ime Morales Aznar
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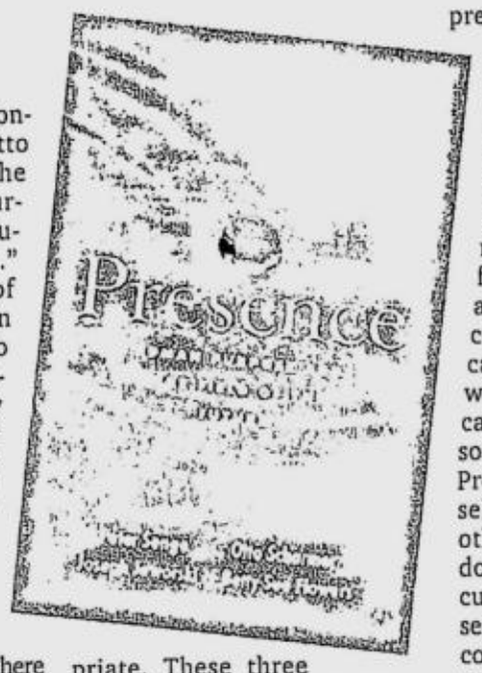

PEOPLE at Work had a one-on-one interview with Dr. Otto Scharmer, co-author of the book "Presence: Human Purpose and the Field of the Future (www.presence.net)." Published by the Society of Organizational Learning in 2004, the book was also written by Peter Senge, Joseph Jaworski, and Betty Sue Flowers. Dr. Scharmer generously shared his ideas and thoughts about presencing and the future, and talked about the consequences of some of his own life-changing experiences.

People at Work (PAW): There could be a possibility that many people may not be ready for the kind of deep change and awareness you talk about in your book, for one reason or another. Would you say that the principles in "Presence" apply only to a certain group of people, or are these universal concepts that don't require a certain readiness or sophistication, for people to be able to relate to them?

Otto Scharmer (OS): That's a very good question. The principles in "Presence" apply to all people and all human systems but they do require a readiness. This readiness is, in principle, available to groups and individuals today, based on the practices you use and the challenges that you face. For example, a group, unless hit by a crisis, could find it difficult to change because only during the crisis will the group, as an organization, would be able to let go of the past and move into a different space.

"Presence" is based on a deep mode of change, where we connect to a more authentic dimension and begin to realize it more fully. The principles are universal, but requires a readiness that includes a suspension of judgment, a deep connection to what's really going on, and the capacity to let go of all identities when they are no longer appropriate. These three are, in principle, available to everybody. Although in reality, this rarely happens.

PAW: When you were writing the book, do the four of you have a particular audience in mind? Is the book for everybody, or was it written specially for leaders and/or organizations?

OS: We had a specific group of people in mind—which is the advanced practitioners of change, or change leaders. These are leaders of positive change, regardless whether that's in business or in other parts of society. And regardless, whether this particular leader is associated with a formal executive position, or a grassroots leader—which is just as important. Because we know that in modern society, organizational change is often initiated through people with no formal leadership power. So our notion of leadership is not limited to people with formal authority, but also to people who actually create change in society. Sometimes that happens on the grassroots level, civil society; sometimes it comes from formal leadership. And we think that these need to go together. What we have in mind is people who make a difference in society, or those who *can* make a difference.

PAW: How would you define presencing, in simple terms?

OS: I believe that every human being, organization, and community is not one, but two. The person I have become through my journey of the past, that's the first one I am. The other self is more dormant: the highest future possibility. Not who I am now, but who I could become in the future. The captial "S" self. If I connect with that deeper place, this can turn into an enormous source of power and creativity. Presencing is to have these two selves begin to talk to one another, because usually they don't talk. It's important for the current and emerging future self to begin to establish a direct connection with one another. If you do that, it turns into a source of inspiration or energy that allows you to be more effective in your work and your relationships. The basic definition of presencing is to connect to your best future potential and to realize it.

PAW: What is the process behind presencing?

OS: There are three basic elements: First, observe, observe, observe. Immerse yourself in all context that is relevant. Get out into the world, become one with the world that you are dealing with, the one that's relevant to your project and your work. The second is to create a place of stillness and deep reflection that allows you to reflect on everything that you experienced from a deeper place. Ask yourself: What's the deeper pattern here? What's beginning to emerge through all of everything that I have experienced? Third, move that to action very quickly. Learn by prototyping, by iterating, iterating, iterating, based on the feedback that you get. This applies to an organizational, larger level. You can do the same thing with a team that's assigned to innovate a particular area of the organization, for example.

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DEPARTMENT of Labor and Employment and My Trabaho synergize for more jobs. Taking their oath to fulfill this promise on the signed agreement are: (from left) Optimus chair Juan Reyes, Jr., People at Work editor Regina Reyes, STI executive committee chair Eusebio Tanco, Labor secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas, dzRH sales director Jomai Parroco, Quantum X's Edison Tsai, and Labor undersecretary Danilo Cruz. RYAN LIM

DOLE, My Trabaho bring more job opportunities to more jobseekers

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Employment and the My Trabaho partners signed a memorandum of agreement last week to bring more information on jobs to more jobseekers.

My Trabaho is a public service program that seeks to help Filipinos find their dream jobs. This program is being implemented by five partner companies, namely, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Manila Broadcasting Company, STI, Quantum X and Optimus Innovations, Inc.

My Trabaho seeks to help jobseekers find their dream jobs through the establishment of an online resumé database, www.mytrabaho.com, that facilitates the matching of jobseekers with employers to hasten the job search process and thus lessen unemployment in the country.

On the other hand, DOLE has its own job web site that links jobseekers and employers called Phil-Jobnet (http://phil-jobnet.gov.ph) and a texting service called "Trabaho... i-Text Mo!" to better serve the public, specifically jobseekers.

With the signing of the agreement, the My Trabaho partners and DOLE will be supporting each other's programs, namely, "My Trabaho Match," a component of the My Trabaho program and Phil-JobNet and "Trabaho... i-Text Mo!" of DOLE.

The tie-up will boost the jobseekers' resumé database of My Trabaho Match. It will also expand the job vacancies database of DOLE's Phil-JobNet. Web sites of both parties will have mutual links and pages.

Representing DOLE at the signing were Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas, Undersecretary for Employment and Manpower Development Danilo Cruz, and Bureau of Local Employment Director Ma. Luisa Gigette Imperial. Representing the My Trabaho partners were STI Executive Committee Chair Eusebio Tanco, DZRH Sales Director Jose Ma. Parroco, Inquirer Classified Ads Head Jesse Rebustillo, Quantum X's Edison Tsai, and Optimus Innovations chair Juan Reyes, Jr.

'I want to do effective presentations'

By Ernie O. Cecilia

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

I GRADUATED with a college degree in BS Psychology last year and was lucky to immediately land a job as a clerical staff in a large multinational company. I am starting to get bored doing clerical work and I think I have the potential to be a trainer in our company.

There is no vacancy in our training department now, but I want to prepare myself to qualify for that job when a vacancy occurs. I think I now have the skills in coordinating training programs. What I need is help on speaking in front of a group. In school, I had the opportunity to introduce our speaker during a symposium and I recall how nervous I was.

Can you give me some pointers on public speaking or making presentations so that I can prepare myself to be a trainer?

Potential Trainer

Congratulations for having the ambition and desire to move up in your career. It is perfectly all right to get bored with your job, but don't fail to perform well in your present job. Instead, show your bosses that you can do your job well easily and have the capacity to do more. If you really want to be a trainer, start becoming more assertive in your communication. Whenever the opportunity presents itself, volunteer to talk to people, one on one or in small groups, until you have developed the confidence to talk to groups.

By the way, speaking in front of a group is the worst human fear in America. Next is dying, and third is speaking and dying in front of a group. But the best way to conquer one's fear is to learn to do it, like it and master it. Training or making presentations are really not that fearful an undertaking, once you have mastered the basics.

Communication basics

Training or public speaking is a form of communication. It will help if you understand the basics of communication. Here are a few basic tips in communicating:

1. Craft your message well. Have a message worth communicating before you even start talking. Good preparation is key to success in training or public speaking. Get an idea of what your prospective audience wants or needs. Unless your message can help you connect with your audience, the purpose of your talk or training will be difficult to achieve.

2. Gain your audience's attention and interest. Whether you are talking to 1 or to 1,000, you need to first get your audience's attention. The larger the group, the more difficult it is to get attention and sustain interest. Start your talk with a bang—something that will catch their attention. Then sustain their interest by showing that you are interested in them and in what they want.

3. Focus on making yourself understood. Aim to express, not to impress. Be careful of the tone of your voice—no hard sell, no pontificating, no condescending attitude. Trainees in the corporate world are mature adults who do not wish to be treated that way. Use simple words. (There are 750,000 words in the English language and I never use more than 1,000 different words during my seminars or when I write. Note that the average high school graduate knows 2,000 English words.)

4. Persuade your audience. Once you are sure that your audience understands you, then you can be confident that your listeners can be persuaded to do what you want them to do—the purpose of your talk. You can either inform, entertain, or make them do something. But remember that an ordinary person will only do something to gain a benefit or avoid a loss. So, you must be able to address this concern in your talk.

5. Get feedback. As you talk, and as you end your talk, find opportunities to find out if your audience is getting your message correctly. It they don't, then you must clarify, illustrate, give examples, or summarize in order to drive your point. See things from their point of view. If they understand you, it's their credit. If they don't, it's your fault.

Presentations

People at work, even nontrainers, often get the chance to make presentations. Take advantage of every opportunity to present. Most of the organization's leaders are great in making presentations. Being adept in presentations can enhance your potential to move up the management ladder.

Here are a few basic pointers in making presentations:

1. Prepare. Henry Ford said, "Before everything else, getting ready is the secret of success." In fact, good preparation can compensate for lack of talent. To prepare, understand the purpose of your presentation, be sure to know your audience and their wants, make sure the environment, venue and setup are conducive, and most important of all, ensure that you are ready to make the presentation. Rehearse, in front of the mirror, at the actual venue before the presentation, and get colleagues to observe and give your feedback during rehearsals.

2. Organize your presentation. As a rule, make presentations like a woman's skirt—long enough to cover the vital parts and short enough to be interesting. Map your presentation—start with topic, presentation ob-

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How do you win at a job search?

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Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: I've been unemployed for a long time and I'm starting to lose hope. Tell me the secret to getting a job.

Ready To Work

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I've been unemployed and I know how emotionally draining it is to look for work. I find that many jobseekers are like Mr. Chiba, playing games instead of doing the work it takes to get job. How do you get one? By making your job hunt your full-time job, spending at least 30 hours every week networking, pursuing leads and contacting companies. This forces you to get more creative and to make more contacts than you would in a part-time search. For more, check out "Diary of a Job Search" by Tim Johnson (10 Speed, 2003).

Do you leave bitterness and resentment at home? It's hard to be upbeat when you don't have a job. But let's do a quick role reversal. If you were interviewing job candidates, would you hire someone who was bitter, burned out and hostile? It's important to pursue hobbies or volunteering, anything that will make you feel better about yourself and provide energy that you can bring into your job search.

Do you remember that a certain amount of your search is out of your control? I get a lot of e-mail from people who say that they've never had such a hard time getting a job. Let's face it, the economy has been tough. It's important to take external factors like the unemployment rate, how your industry is doing, etc., into consideration before you beat yourself up about how long you've been unemployed.

Change is the only business constant. I'll never forget an e-mail I got from a third generation logger who felt that he was owed a job in the timber industry. Unless your name is Gates or Rockefeller, you'll need to prepare for a minimum of one major career shift during your working years. And for many of us, there will be considerably more than that.

Do you put effort into networking? Every study that I've seen says that the most successful way to get a job is through networking. Yet I still get e-mail from people who put all their eggs into sending out resumés or working with an employment agency. Contact every customer, client and coworker you know and tell them you are looking for a new job. Do you accept that careers go sideways and backward as well as up? It's wrong to think that every job should pay better, have more responsibility and a better title than your last one.

Follow these tips and you'll stop pinballing around in your job search; you'll find the job that is right for you.

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com online ballot: Is it tougher to get a job today?

—Easier, 8.6 percent

—About the same as ever, 31.5 percent

—Tougher, 59.7 percent

(Mr. Rosner, an internationally syndicated columnist, author and speaker, is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. E-mail him at bob@workingwounded.com.)

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Mr. George Briñas and Ms. Jet Reynes, Call Center Academy

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12NN TO 12:50 PM — **AWARENESS ON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ABROAD**
Allies Career (Bonus Session)

Session 2
1PM to 1:50PM — **PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT**
Ms. Arlene Mogar, Powerspeak

Session 3
3PM TO 3:50PM — **ACQUIRING AMERICAN ACCENT**
Dr. Jose Mordeno, President, Speechpower

Session 4
4:30PM TO 5:20PM — **SPEAK BETTER ENGLISH**
Ms. Christine Santos, Partner, YTC Tutorial and Review Center

Session 5
6PM TO 6:50PM — **ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS CAREER ALTERNATIVE**
Mr. Mark Frederick H. So, CEO, Businessmaker Academy

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June 6, 2005 (Monday)

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11AM TO 11:50 AM — **BUSINESS IDEAS WHILE IN-BETWEEN-JOBS**
Mr. Mark Frederick H. So, CEO, Businessmaker Academy

Session 6-A
12NN TO 12:50 PM — **AWARENESS ON THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, Allies Career (Bonus Session)**

Session 7
1PM TO 1:50PM — **DISCOVER YOUR PERSONAL POWER**
Mr. Joey Reyes, President, Powerspeak

Session 7-A
2PM TO 2:50PM — **WINNING RESUMES AND EFFECTIVE JOB INTERVIEWS**
Mr. Jessie Rebustillo, Head, Classified Ads Division, Phil. Daily Inquirer

Session 8
3PM TO 3:50PM — **ACQUIRING AMERICAN ACCENT**
Dr. Jose Mordeno, President, Speechpower

Session 9
4:30PM TO 5:20PM — **ENGLISH ENHANCEMENT FOR ALL PURPOSES (Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking Skills)**
Ms. Christine Santos, Partner, YTC Tutorial and Review Center

Session10
6PM TO 6:50PM — **INCREASE YOUR JOB SEARCH SUCCESS**
Ms. Jane Soco, Marketing Manager, JOBSDB.COM

Session 11
7:10 PM to 7:50PM — **HOW TO LOOK FOR WORK OVERSEAS ONLINE**
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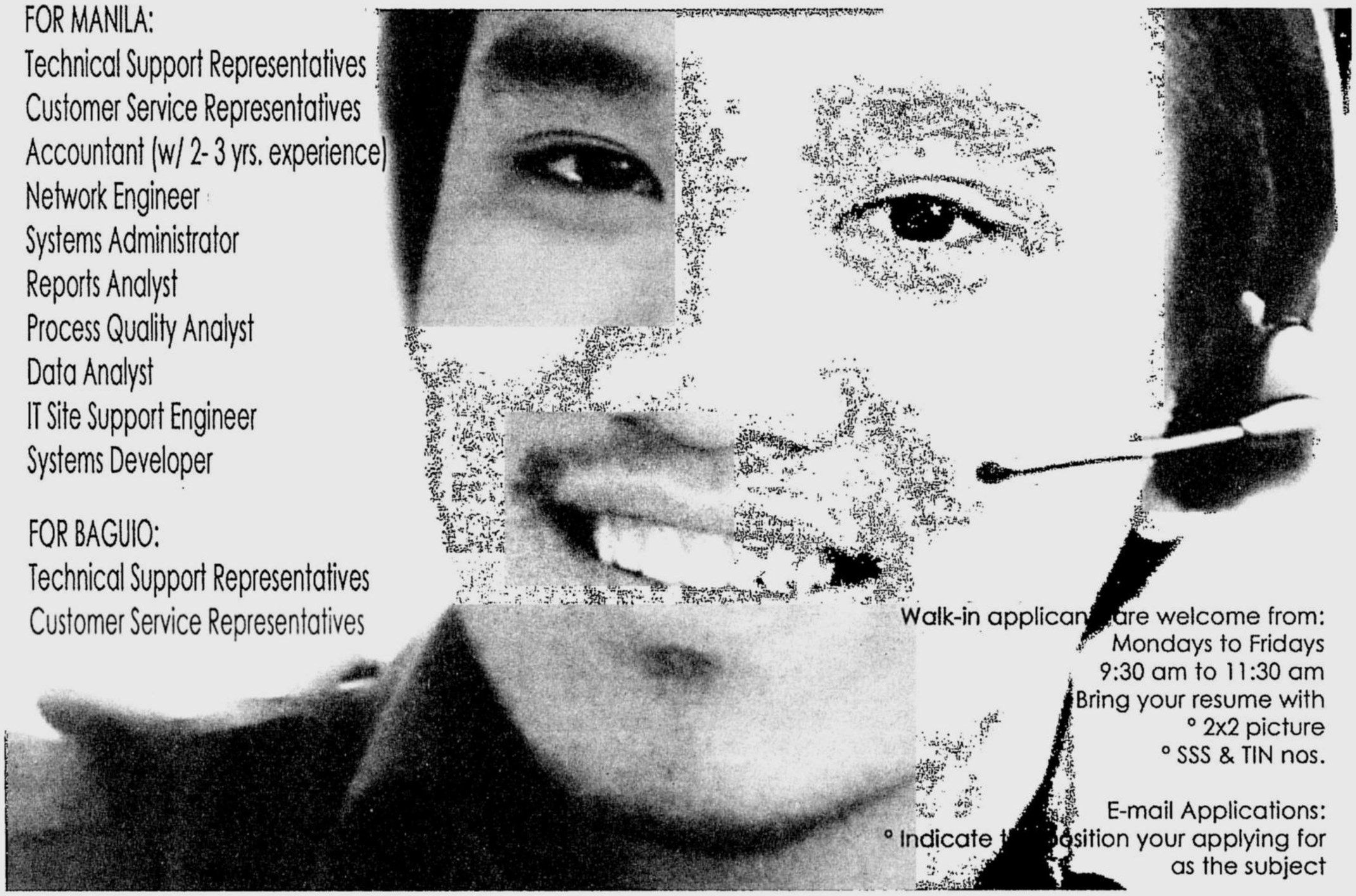

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MESSAGE

I would like to extend my warmest felicitations to the Neo Trade Enterprises on the occasion of the 1st Philippine Job Congress on June 5 – 6, 2005 to be held at the Megatrade Conference Center, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

I highly commend the officers and the meaningful people behind this year's Grand Job Expo for having come up with this timely and truly-needed job congress where more than 5,000 job seekers will be given a better opportunity for possible employment.

Finally, this activity is one way of showcasing not only the Filipino's resiliency in the midst of economic distress but the nation's collective "Bayanihan Spirit" that will be instrumental in easing up the financial and economic burden and difficulty that the nation is experiencing.

Keep up this good work! Mabuhay!

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Senator

The grandest career event to happen June 5 and 6

THE GRANDEST career event to take place in the country, The 1st Philippine Job Congress expects 5,000 people to troop to Megatrade Hall at SM Megamall on June 5 and 6, 2005, 10 AM to 8 PM.

Touted to be the largest gathering of job opportunities, talents and job readiness experts, The Philippine Job Congress is by far the most important career opportunity event to be held in the country as it places utmost importance to employers to perfect their talent searches, for potential employees to hone their job seeking strategies, and for experts to share knowledge to hone the skills of our country's vast talent pool.

The celebrated event, organized by Neotrade Enterprises in cooperation with The Philippine Daily Inquirer Job Market and JobsDB.com, features a Grand Job Expo, Job Congress Seminars and Workshops and Networking activities.

It's a complete one-stop-shop for jobseekers, for it consists not only of a job fair, but it is a learning zone, with training modules designed to make them competitive and "marketable" in the new workplace.

"We believe that our country has a talent pool so vast, that we only have to unearth and hone the skills so that we can remain competitive in both the local and international job market," enthuses TinTin Liboro, president of event organizer NeoTrade Enterprises.

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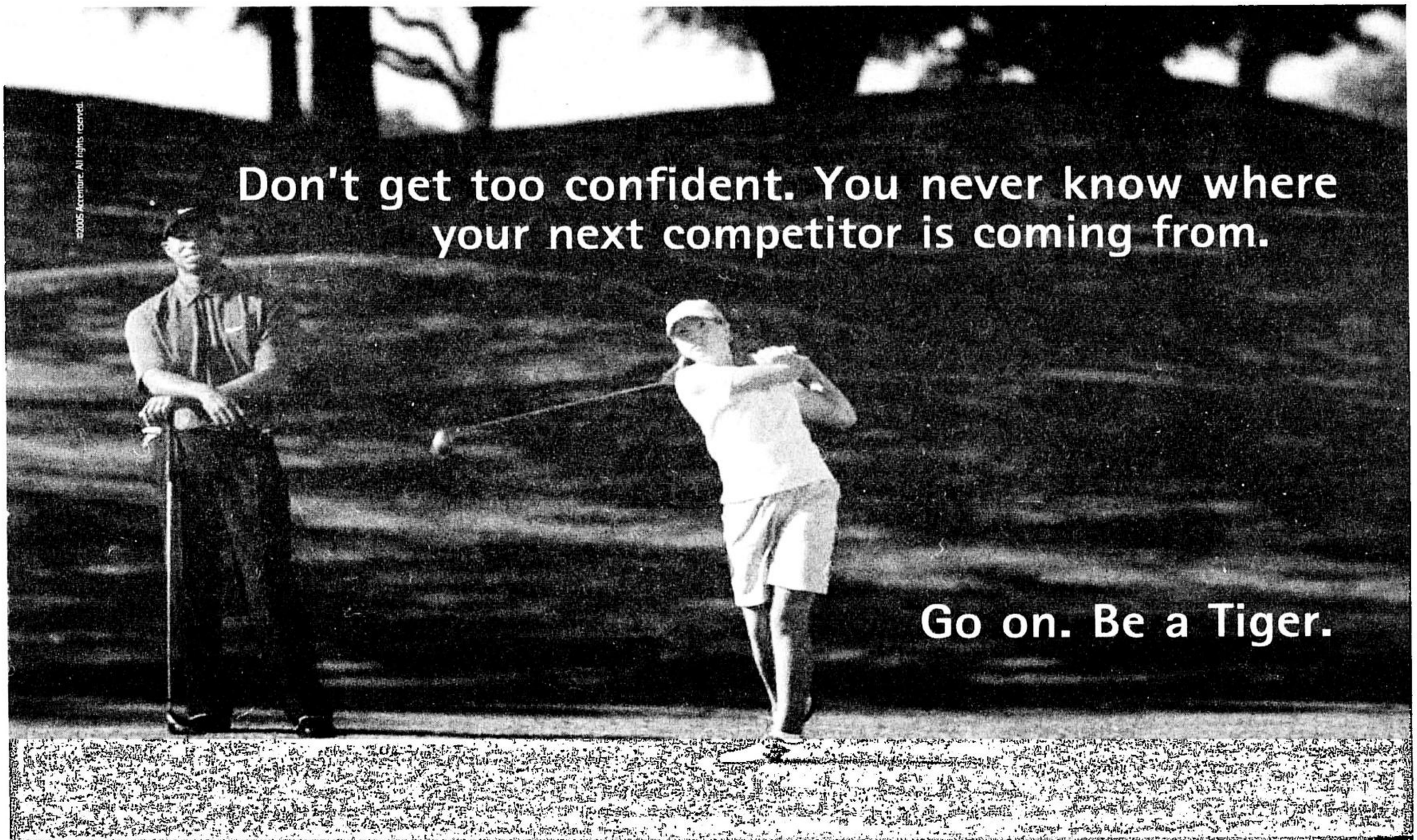

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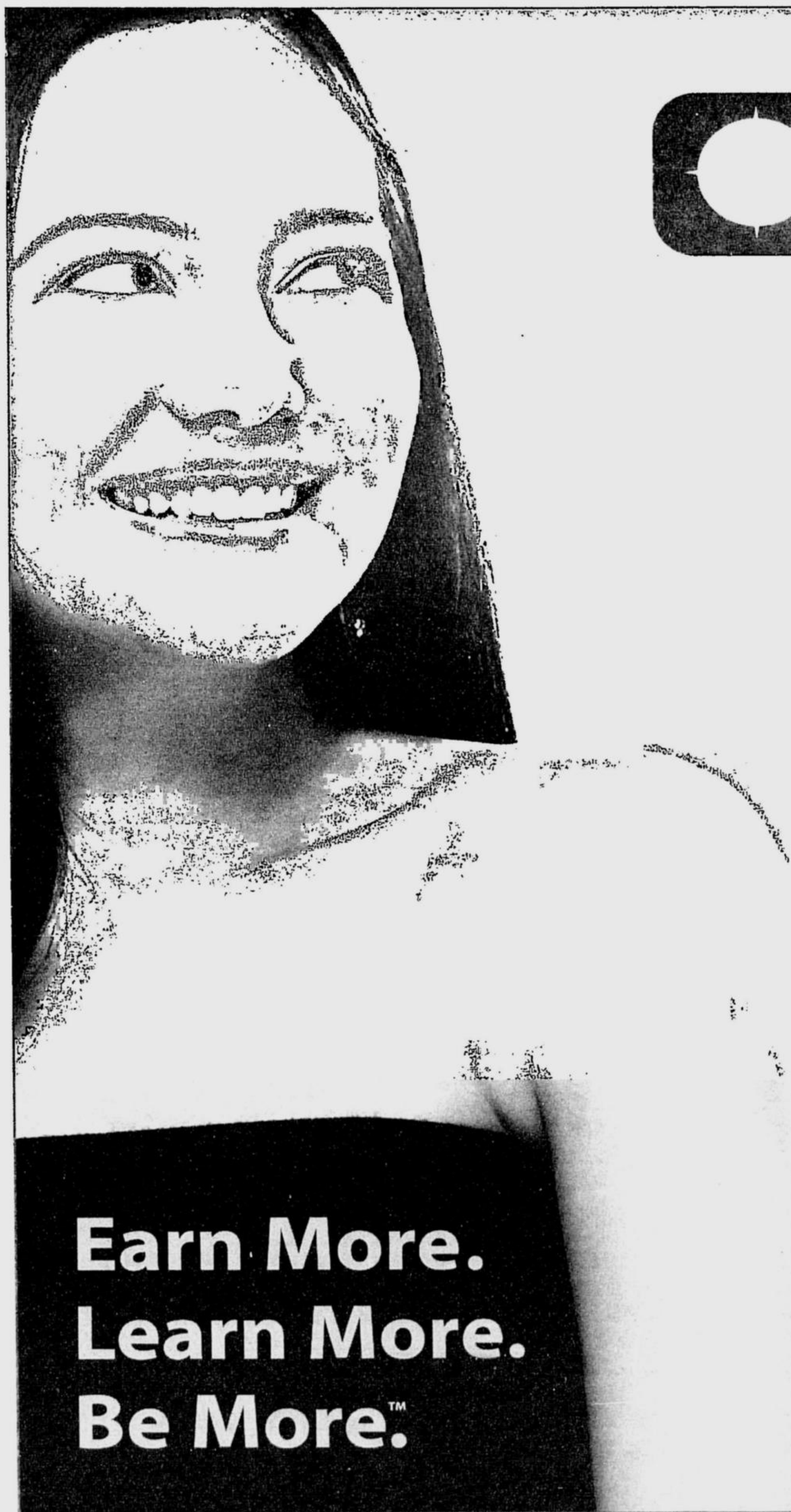

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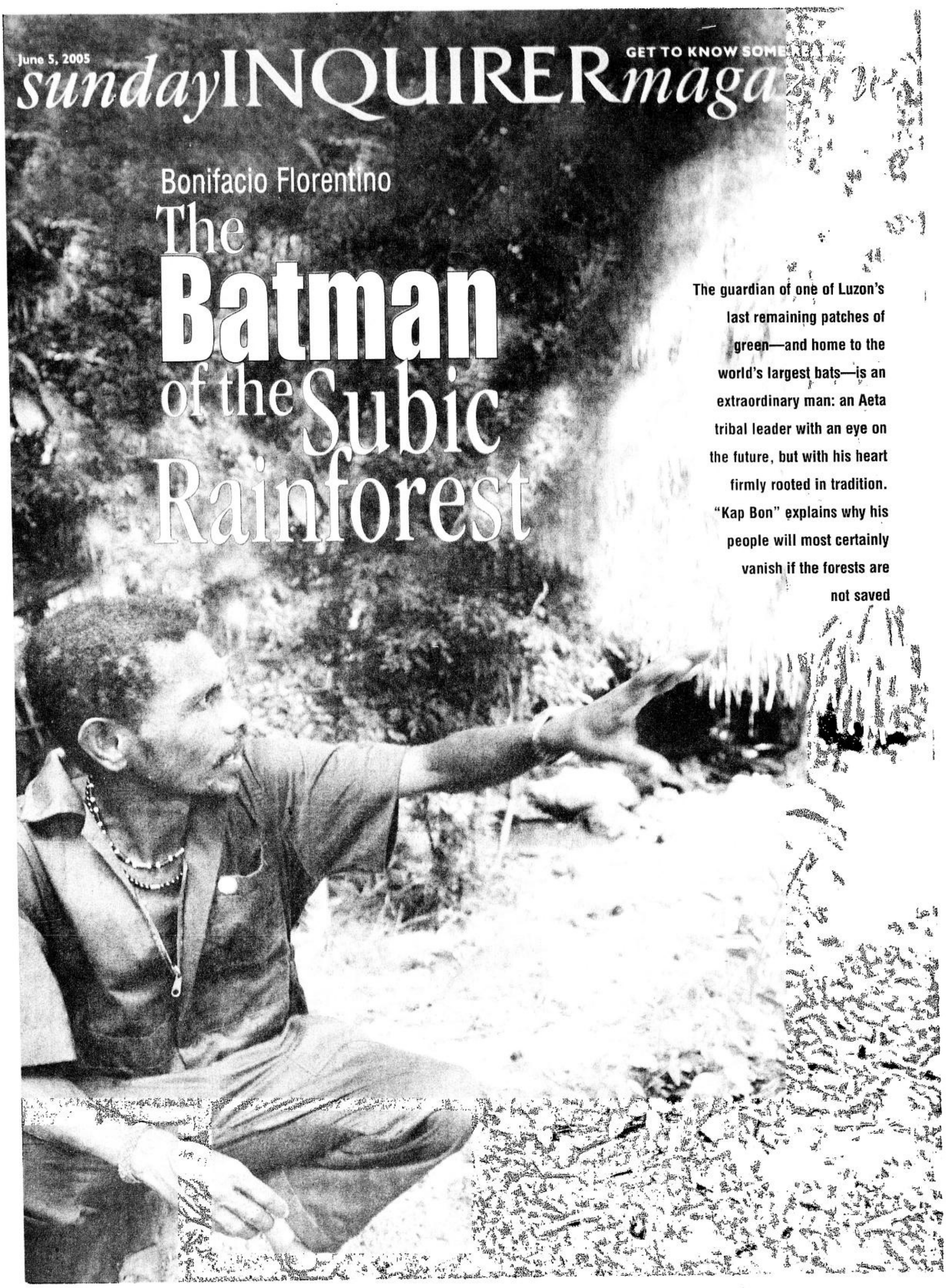

Bonifacio Florentino

The Batman of the Subic Rainforest

The guardian of one of Luzon's last remaining patches of green—and home to the world's largest bats—is an extraordinary man: an Aeta tribal leader with an eye on the future, but with his heart firmly rooted in tradition. "Kap Bon" explains why his people will most certainly vanish if the forests are not saved

by Eric S. Caruncho
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WE WERE standing along a short stretch of highway in Subic, Zambales when the first bats flew across the darkening sky.

***Acerodon jubatus*, the giant flying fox, known locally as *bayakan*, and its close cousin *pteropus vampyrus*, the golden crown flying fox, distinguishable in the daylight by their reddish breasts: the largest bats in the world and native to the 10,000-hectare lowland forest in Subic.**

They were bigger than I thought they would be, each wing spanning a meter or more, and surprisingly graceful, compared with the frantic flitting about of the urban bats I was used to. Soon they were followed by more bats. Within a few minutes, the sky was blanketed by hundreds of them, making their nightly pilgrimage to their feeding grounds tens of kilometers away.

"The children of the night," I thought, with a Bela Lugosi accent. "What sweet music they make."

"*Da best 'yan, lalo na pag in-adobo*" (especially when cooked as *adobo*), some guy ventured in the dark.

"*Pampatigas ng u--n.* (Hardens your, uh, member)."

That about sums up the range of uninformed opinion about *bayakan*: that they are somehow linked with the supernatural world of vampires, or more likely, that they are nature's Viagra. So pervasive is the latter belief, in fact, that it poses a threat to the continued existence of Subic's flying foxes.

Although they are considered an endangered species, the fruit bats' protected status has done little to discourage hunters in their quest for bigger and longer-lasting erections. Others merely hanker for a taste of the succulent, fruit-fed flesh of free-range bats, long considered a delicacy around these parts. Stalls selling cooked bats are still a common sight on roadsides around Subic.

Fast disappearing

There are only a few thousand bats left in Subic, from the estimated 100,000 in 1930. Still, the Subic bats are better off than their cousins elsewhere in the Philippines. Of the country's 56 known species of bats (which include the largest and the smallest in the world), many have become extinct. *Dobsonia chapmani*, the bare-backed fruit bat, disappeared from the forests of Cebu and Negros in the 1960s. *Acerodon Lucifer*, the Panay fruit bat, was last seen in 1892. The Philippine tube-nosed bat, *Nyctimene rabori*, is fast disappearing from Negros.

The triple-canopy rain forest of Subic, considered the largest bat roost in the world, appears to be the bats' last sanctuary. But the only reason the Subic forest lasted this long is, until 1992, it was part of the US Naval Base and was heavily secured. Now, although it is considered a protected area by the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), illegal loggers and *kaingeros* (slash and burn

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farmers) have begun to nibble away at its edges.

There is more at stake here than just the continued existence of the bats. No less than the entire ecosystem is at risk. Fruit bats are nature's forest rangers. From their roosts in Subic, the bats range as far away as a hundred kilometers to feed, and on their return flights, their droppings re-seed the forest, far more efficiently than humans ever could. It is a true symbiosis: without the bats, the forests would dwindle, but without the forests, the bats would disappear too. For eons, nature has kept the balance, until man came along. Now, only man can restore it.

The heavy responsibility for preserving the Subic rainforest and its inhabitants rests largely on the diminutive shoulders of one man. Bonifacio Florentino, known to most of his neighbors as "Kap Bon," is a tribal chieftain of the Pastolan Aetas, an indigenous community of about 850 residing within the reservation area. He is largely credited with leading his people in negotiating the granting of a Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) to the Pastolan Aetas by the National Commission of Indigenous Peoples last year. The first such title granted in Luzon, it guarantees the tribe's property rights to their land, and paves the way for the Ancestral Domain for Sustainable Development Plan, a document which will govern the area's development in the future, as well as archive the tribe's history, culture and traditions, which until now have been passed down orally.

Kap Bon is also the chief forest ranger of the Bat Habitat Restoration Project, a program conceived by the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, the Pilipinas Shell Foundation Incorporated and the Department of Energy and funded by Shell Philippines Exploration B.V. Under this project, some 20 hectares of forest area on the slopes of Mt. Sta. Rita will be reforested by planting fruit trees. In so doing, the program hopes to restore and expand the feeding area for the fruit bats, and thus increase their numbers.

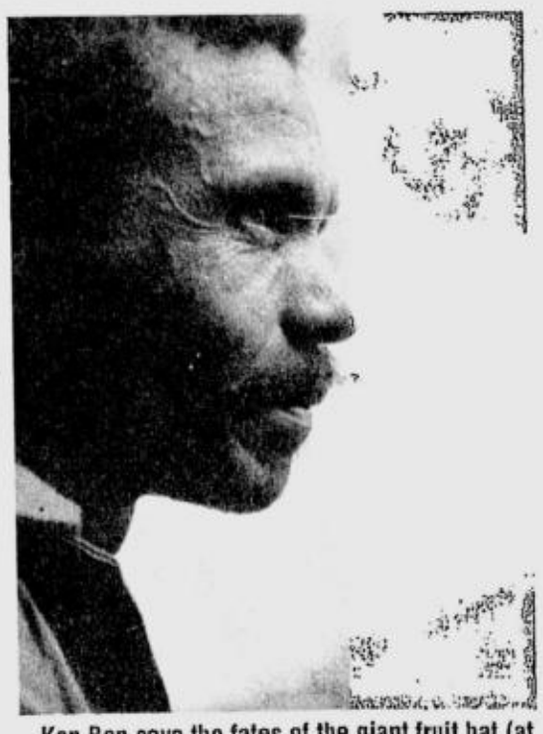
Jungle survivors

Kap Bon leads a team of about 90-plus forest rangers, most of them Aetas, the rest of mixed Aeta-lowlander parentage, in planting trees, guarding against forest fires, and keeping an eye out for poachers.

It is a task to which he is eminently suited, since he was previously employed by the US Navy as a forest guide from 1986 to 1992, when the bases were finally closed down. His duties included training soldiers in jungle survival, a skill in which the Aetas are unsurpassed. In fact, when the US bases closed, his former employers wanted to bring him to the States, but Kap Boa refused to leave his beloved forest.

"Dapat huwag na sanang mapinsala yung mga paniki para dumami pa sila," he says. *"Nagkakatulungan ang tao at paniki dahil sa inaabot nilang paglipad, sa dumi nila tumutubo ang* seeds. *Dapat maibalik ang kagubatan para hindi mapinsala ng lubusan ang ating* environment. *Saan mang lugar dapat mayroon ganito ang komunidad para hindi nasisira ang ating kalikasan."*

("The bats should be protected so they can multiply. Bats help man because their droppings plant seeds. We should restore the forest so we can protect the environment. Communities everywhere should have something like this so nature will be preserved.")



Kap Bon says the fates of the giant fruit bat (at right), the forest and the Aetas themselves are linked. One cannot survive without the others

Unlike many of their brethren, the Pastolan Aetas have been relatively lucky. The eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in 1991, which displaced many Aeta tribes in Central Luzon, left their area relatively unscathed (although the ashfall did decimate the bat population). Some displaced Aetas were reduced to begging in urban areas, but the Pastolan tribal community managed to preserve their way of life.

Florentino is keenly aware that the fate of the Aetas is inextricably linked with the fate of the forest and its other inhabitants. For the Aeta, the forest is not only home and provider of sustenance: it is part of his being.

"Ang Aeta talaga sa gubat 'yan," Kap Bon waxes eloquent about the Aeta way of life. *"Hinahanap ng katawan niya yung paglalakad sa gubat. Ang Aeta kasi meron lang isang takal na bigas, maligaya na. Pupunta sa tabing ilog, pag nakahuli ng hipon magluluto, maligaya na sa pahigahiga sa bato.* (The Aeta is really of the forest; his body needs to walk inside the forest. The Aeta is happy with a cup of rice. He can catch shrimp in the river, cook and lie back on the stones.)

Forests as God's gift

"Nung bata pa ako, parati kaming nasa gubat," he continues. *"Nabubuhay sa gubat, sa pagkuha ng mga* herbal, *sa pagkuha ng* honeybee. *Ndsa gubat ako kasi doon malamig. Wala kang maiisip na problema. Yung problema mo nawawala sa kalalakad mo sa gubat. Nalilibang ka sa huni ng kuliglig, sa ibon."* (When I was young, I was always in the forest, gathering herbs and honey. It is cool in the forest. Your problems disappear as you walk inside the forest, listening to the cicadas and the birds.)

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Of course, Aetas also hunt bats for food. According to Aeta beliefs, the animals of the forest are God's gift to man, says Florentino. But Aetas only hunt what they need to survive, he adds, and only at the proper time. For example, the bamboo bats—among the smallest in the world—are only eaten by Aetas during the rainy season when they have fattened. And Aetas don't hunt bats to sell, unlike lowlanders.

One of the aims of the Bat Habitat Reforestation Project is to provide a source of livelihood for the Pastolan Aetas, to lessen their need to hunt for food.

Like most indigenous peoples, the Aeta are at a crossroads. The road to a modern way of life is open to them, but they risk losing their distinct cultural identity in the process. Much of the Aeta's way of life is tied to the forest; in the cities they are like fish out of water.

No one knows this more than Kap Bon. Although he was raised in the forest, Kap Bon left to try city life during his wild youth in the 1970s.

"Sanay ako sa labas kasi dati mahilig ako sa barkada," he says. *"Umaabot ako ng Maynila. Matagal din ako doon. Naranasan ko rin mamuhay sa siyudad. Pero iba ang buhay doon kasi maraming problema. Talagang magulo sa siyudad. Sa bundok walang problema. Magtrabaho ka lang may pagkain ka na. Wala ka nang iisipin."*

("I'm used to the outside world because I liked going out with friends. I used to go as far as Manila, and spent a long time there. I've tasted city life, but life is different there because you have many problems. In the mountains you have no problems. Work and you have food. You don't have to worry about anything.")

Machete and cellphone

Kap Bon is in many ways the epitome of the modern Aeta: machete on one hip, cell phone on the other. He is traditional enough that he still chews betel nut, but he jokes about it in a hip way. *("Sandali lang,"* he quips, taking out his betel nut case. *"Dudurog muna 'ko."*

But even within the relatively sheltered enclave of Pastolan, change is slowly making inroads into the Aeta community. Last year, for instance, the tribe was divided by the issue of whether to continue to select their leaders through hereditary chieftainships, or whether to hold elections for tribal leaders.

Florentino also worries about the younger generation of Aetas who, as he did in his younger days, are trying city life. He worries that unlike him, they may choose not to go back to the forest.

"Mahirap na pag natuto na silang mag rock'n'roll," he says. *"Yung iba* computer *na ang alam. Sana naman kung ano yung inabot nila huwag nilang kalimutan yung pinagmulan nila, dahil kahit anong gawin nila Aeta pa rin sila e. Nandoon pa rin ang dugo. E bakit kakalimutan mo yung ugaling katutubo?"* (It's hard when they get to know rock'n'roll and computers. Hopefully they won't forget where they came from, because whatever they do, they're still Aetas. It's in their blood, so why should they forget their native customs?)

For Florentino, the only way to preserve Aeta culture is to return to the forest, where elders can teach their children the age-old ways of hunting and gathering: fishing in streams, finding honey, listening to birds, and sleeping on the ground wherever nightfall overtakes them.

"Kailangan kung ano ginagawa mo ituro mo sa anak mo. Isama mo sila sa gubat para makita nila kung ano ang buhay ng talagang Aeta. Ituro mo kung ano talaga ang ginagawa ng Aeta para manatili sa kanila iyon." (You have to teach your children what you know. Take them to the forest so they can see how the real Aeta live. Teach them what the real Aeta do so that it will stay with them.)

But this, he knows, is premised on there still being forests to return to.

"Pag nawala ang gubat, mawawala din ang Aeta." (If the forests disappear, the Aeta will vanish too.)

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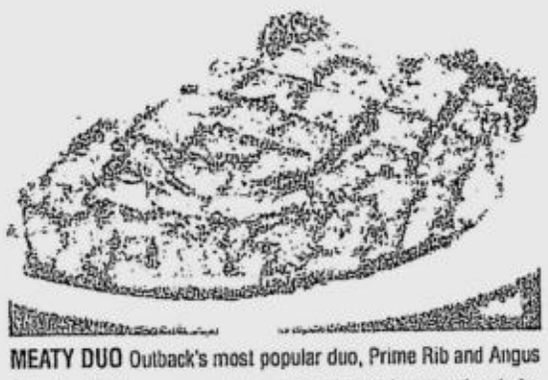


MEATY DUO Outback's most popular duo, Prime Rib and Angus Fillet, has fired up everyone's appetite and has become the choice of discriminating beef lovers in the metropolis. So pop around at an Outback Restaurant near you. Outback Restaurants are located at Glorietta 4, Libis, and Alabang Town Center. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

Dalawang Tula
Ni Kristoffer Berse

Asukal
(Sa alaala ng mga nasawi sa Hacienda Luisita)

Mga asukal tayong nakikibaka
sa loob nitong babasaging hacienda
kung kaya't ngayon, muli nating
tinatahak ang yapak
ng ating mga ninunong nilagok
na ng kung sinu-sinong mangangape:
sa loob nitong munting garapon,
dikit-dikit, siksikang higit pa
sa naggigitgitang mga sardinas,

tayo ay nagpi-piket:
"Ibigay ang karampatang dagdag
na tamis sa uring hikahos!"

Batid nating malabong marinig
ang agit-it ng ating dibdib:
kuwebang kulob itong kinalalagyan,
mahigpit ang pagkakapinid ng takip
nitong garapa; naghihilik
pa man din ang bundat na tasa
sa ating harapan. At tayo,
sino ba tayo kundi mga mumunting
butil lamang na piniga't pinatuyo
mula sa katas ng pinagpalang tubuhan;
na hindi tayo maaring dildilin
kapag sinasakmal ng gutom
ang bituka ng bayan.

Magprotesta man tayo'y
hindi sila diringgin; madaling
maghanap ng pamalit sa atin,
kilu-kilo kung dumating:
mga anak ng lupang sinunog
ng naghaharing-araw ang balat
o kundi ma'y pinapusyaw
ng kawalan.

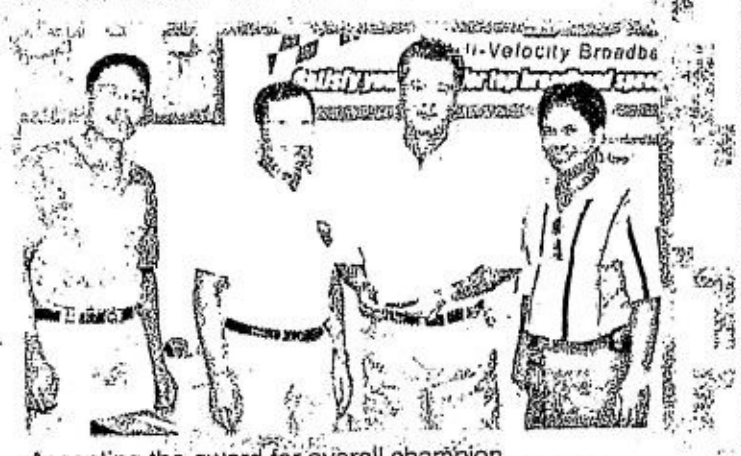
Kaya sa ating mga nangangahas
mag-aklas, kutsaritang tingga
ang kanilang panlaban;
umuusok sa ganid at poot
itong kapeng ating libingan.

Kagabi
(Kay P.)

Kagabi, natuklap ang talukap ng lupa
nang mamulaklak ng malamig na bulak
ang bukal ng ulap,
ngunit di natin iyon namamalayan
sapagkat naglamay ang ating malay
sa paghahanap ng kaganapang
bumusilak ang mainit na sulak
sa banal na sukal
ng basal mong paglingap.

Mahal, wag kang mabahala:
may nilalandas ang dalas ng dasal
at di maglalaon, maglalaan,
maglalalang din ang langit
ng ambong mag-aampon
sa bulaklak na pilak
na ating kapilas
sa banal na sukal
ng basal mong paglingap.

GK Golf Tournament



Accepting the award for overall champion with a net score of 61, Mr. Peter Jang from Korea

Atty. Ed Villarata

Ms. Karen Kime

Mr. Rudy Ferraren

Golfing for a cause

Hole-In-One Prize: A Yamaguchi 90 cc scooter

Posing with the trophies are Engr. Nestor Frigillana; Engr. Vince Costes; Raphael Mendoza, 2nd runner up JunGolf Division; Ricky Mendoza, PTA Golf Club Secretary and 1st Runner Up Class C Division; and Raul Raquitico, PTA Golf Club President

Mars Morales, Project Director of Talanay Gawad Kalinga with the Ladies Division Champion Tata Estacio and Raul Raquitico

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Love Notes

Joe D'Mango

Bittersweet Memories

All I have left are memories of him which, I hope, show how far a person is willing to go for love

Dear Joe,

I have always wanted to share with you a brief part of my painful past. My close friends call me Nicky, and here's my story.

I met Don when I was in my elementary years. He was a cousin of my cousin, and we're related only by affinity. He was always nice to me, teasing me like an older brother and playmate. We'd find ourselves laughing over almost anything. Since we share common cousins, I'd usually find myself joining their family gatherings in Laguna, his hometown. As time passed by, we eventually found ourselves getting closer.

When his grandmother passed away, I offered my condolences. But what started out as mere conversation turned into courtship, which eventually led to us being in a relationship.

At first, things started out okay. I'd go to his place after school, from Taft Ave. to Laguna, and spend as much time with him as possible. I have even become close to his family, most especially his mom, who naturally assumed that we'd end up spending the rest of our lives together. But then he started to change, calling me less often and finding excuses not to see me.

It hurts so much, Joe, knowing how much I love him and how much I sacrificed for him. I tried everything to salvage our relationship, kept asking myself where I went wrong and attended all their family functions when I was invited, all to no avail.

After a few weeks, I saw him again at his cousin's birthday. We talked and it seemed we were going to be okay again. He was as sweet as ever, but before the night ended, things got more confusing because he started spending more time with his female friends than with me. When I couldn't take it any more, I asked for his sister's help, setting up a meeting at his place. We talked. That's when he finally blurted out that because of our differences in life, my family's outlook and my upbringing, our relationship could never work. I tried begging him to reconsider but he apologized profusely and tried to convince me that I deserve someone better than him. I felt as if I'd go crazy that night, Joe. I didnt even notice that it was dangerous for me to go home by myself at midnight. I thought I'd never look at love the same way again.

A few years passed since then. One day, I heard from our common cousin that he was leaving for the U.S. She urged me to see him one last time, to put an end to my misery and close that chapter of my life. And I did. We talked and even made love, however briefly. We wished each other the best of luck and then we parted ways. Up to now, I haven't heard from him. I don't think I ever will. Wherever he is right now, I wish him well. All I have left are memories of him. I hope these bittersweet memories show how far a person is willing to go for love.

Nicky

Dear Nicky,

There are times when no matter how much we show our love and give so much of ourselves to someone, we still cannot find enough reason why he or she doesn't seem to care about us. Don must have loved you at the beginning, but when he began to weigh your differences he realized that you were probably not the kind of person he'd be compatible with, and one he'd want to spend the rest of his life with .

When we start assessing the value of someone, quantifying and qualifying the kind of person he or she is, we begin to lose grasp of the real essence of love. Real love doesn't look at reasons to love. When we truly love a person, we just love that person regardless of what he or she can or cannot give us back. When we start to have reasons for loving someone, then we're bound to fall out of love when we lose these reasons. It has been said that the greatest measure of love is its ability to continue loving even when we cannot find a reason to love anymore. That is the real essence of love. When we can think of one reason not to love a person, then we can't be capable of truly loving because love doesn't keep a scale of what it can gain from a relationship. Real love is unselfish.

Nicky, Don put more weight on the kind of person he thinks you are and the kind of family he thinks you have. He doesn't love you. He can only love you if you become the person he wants you to be. And you cannot be that person. You shouldn't even be that person. You are who you are and you should be loved not for what someone wants you to be but for who you truly are.

Wish him well and move on with you life. Let your bittersweet memories remind you of how much you have loved, but let it also remind you how much more beautiful it would be if that love is shared with someone who will accept you for who you are, and love you not for what you can become but what he becomes because of you.

People of the Faith

by Ruby Villavicencio Paurom

Fr. Raul Enriquez (aka Fr. Puti) gave up a wayward life to becon
Today, he takes to the road to bring religion to remote barrios —
away gambling from their backyards in Agdangan, Quezon

From Man of the Flesh to Man of God

HE weaves his way among NPA rebels, the military, NGOs, politicians and the clergy over such testy issues as the unabated quarrying in Quezon. A recent tangle with the powers-that-be involved his questioning what appeared to be a gross misdeclaration of shabu seized by the military, which resulted in threats on his life and that of parishioners who were ordered to produce him bodily.

People say he has an *agimat* (amulet), but Fr. Raul L. Enriquez, parish priest of the San Isidro Labrador church in Agdangan, Quezon, simply laughs off the rumor. An amulet would be superfluous to this priest, who once declared that he was ready to serve his parish to death.

He has lived a full life, after all, one that might as well be a testament to how faith can turn things around. Also known as Fr. Puti, Fr. Enriquez recalls leading a wayward life of the flesh in the red light district of Ermita, Manila. Among the odd jobs he took was macho-dancing.

Epiphany

Passing out after a drinking spree, he found his epiphany while sprawled inside the Sta. Cruz Church, where he decided to dedicate his life to God by becoming a priest. He left Ermita and went to work as a janitor in Makati where he found a benefactor to support his studies at the St. Francis de Sales Major Seminary in Lipa City. Fr. Enriquez said retired Col. Robert Lansang, who then headed a security agency of the Ayala Corp., initially supported him. Support was later provided by Don Jaime Zobel de Ayala and the Gala Sisters of Sariaya, Quezon.

Assigned to the sleepy town of Agdangan, Fr. Enriquez took up the post meekly, vowing to serve his parishioners with passion. "I told them, *paninindigan ko sila sa pag-*

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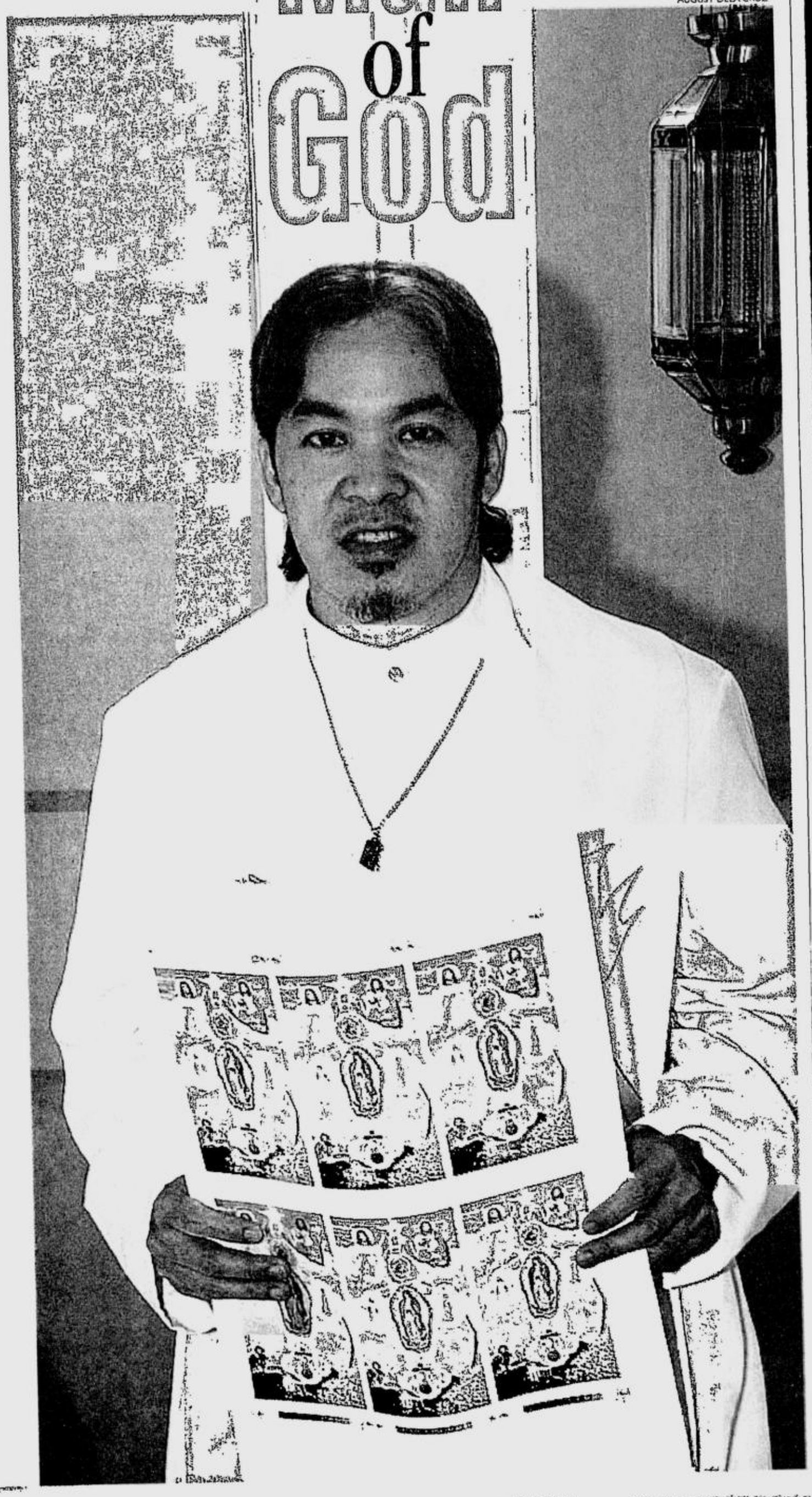

he a priest.

-and drive

gawa ng kabutihan kahit magkamatayan (I'd back them up in doing good even to the point of death)," he adds.

The fiery 43-year-old Sariaya, Quezon native believes strongly in the need for constant spiritual renewal. "Low batt *na ang karamihan sa atin. Kailangan na natin'g ma-*recharge. (We need to recharge; our spiritual battery is running low)," he told his parishioners, speaking of the role that the Luminous Cross of Grace Sanctuary plays in Agdangan, which is on the thinnest land mass of the insurgency-stricken and impoverished Bondoc peninsula.

The 120-foot sanctuary, is "a shining testament that can lift the village from moral decay," says the priest who is currently waging war on illegal gambling and other social ills in his parish.

For 10 years before his assignment at Agdangan in 2003, Fr. Enriquez did mass mobilization work with KAAKBAY-Quezon (Kapatiran at Alyansang Alay sa Kaunlaran ng Bayan), serving as social action director and later as president.

Franciscan in orientation, the priest's advocacies for the protection of the environment gained ground with KAAKBAY. In 1995, he sought the unification of 120 sects and organizations based in mystical Mt. Banahaw and won a five-year fight to stop the government from building a superhighway near Mt. Banahaw. A Time magazine article in 2000 featured him as Father Mountain Man.

The spokesman of the cause-oriented GOMBURZA, an association of activist-priests, adds that the clergy must start with themselves before seeking the renewal of the laity.

"Dapat muna naming linisin ang bakuran namin. (We have to start with our own backyards), he urges. "We seem to be more like power brokers than servants of the poor," he adds.

Bringing the church to the people

Bringing the church closer to the people was something that the priest set out to do early on. The parishioners, he noticed, hardly went to church because of sheer distance or their clear lack of will. He decided to do his evangelization right where they lived, visiting their homes and holding Mass in various areas. Barely a year after being assigned to his parish, he has gone around the village five times over.

"I realized that the people feel alienated from the Church," he says. "The people hardly feel the love that their religion brings and speaks of." It is difficult for people to think of the love of God when the priests, who have vowed to bring the message of God's love to the people, are hard to find.

In these trips, Enriquez brought with him church lectors and acolytes. Unused to this kind of assistance to priests, some lectors left the service, but those who remained later realized the value of the experience.

"Without pain, there is no spiritual growth," says Fr. Enriquez. "I admonished the lectors to leave their comfort zones. To evangelize, we had to go to the people, sleep in the woods and walk long and steep paths."

Erlito Padilla, a 44-year-old copra farmer and lector, recalled that at the start, most of the lectors experienced difficulties with Fr. Puti's regimen. "We used to have meetings only once a month. When Fr. Puti took over, he assigned us so many tasks, we had to meet more than once a week." At the same time, Padilla acknowledged that this kind of formation has led to better relations among the church supporters themselves. "Our service to the Lord reached a new level."

Yolanda Gonzalez Aurellana, 65, recounted the ordeal they had to undergo in trying to reach out to parishioners in remote areas: "We had to climb steep hills and mountains. It reminded me of Christ carrying his cross in Calvary, so I offered my sufferings to Him." She now feels gratified by the experience, as it also taught her to speak about her faith in front of people. "It was like I just open my mouth and the words flow out, and I could share my faith with others."

Pio S. Villaruel, an agriculturist with the Philippine Coconut Authority and another lector, said the priest continuously trains them and conducts teach-ins to make them better ministers of faith un-

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Twists of Fate

by Cora Ilamas

A Special Reason for A Special Gift

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"HE can never be like you and me."

THE words hit Therese Macapagal and husband Arturo like a bomb. The psychiatrist was speaking of her oldest child, Andre, then five years old. Autism was virtually unknown in the Philippines in the 1970s, and Therese had thought that her child's hyper-activity, tendency to repeat words, and lack of affectionate ways were just personality quirks that he would outgrow eventually. But the doctor had said otherwise. Though she would block out the words from her mind weeks later, there was one painful certainty she could not escape: Andre would never be normal.

Flash forward 30 years to the present. Andre, now in his mid 30s, has toned down some of his intensity. He can hold a conversation, read the newspapers, paint, play the xylophone, and even go malling and karaoke-hopping with his buddies. His special condition remains, but it can be overcome.

Sanctuary and fulfillment

Therese has also seen some changes in herself. The former homemaker is Executive Director of the Cupertino School for Special Children, a post she has held for more than 15 years. It is in this same school that her son found sanctuary and fulfillment for his special needs.

Having a special child herself gives her a unique advantage in running the school, says Therese. She can empathize with parents who are struggling with their child's condition, at the same time that she can feel compassion toward her students that go beyond the merely professional and clinical.

"I know the needs of a special child from the time that he is a toddler," she says. "But what follows after he finishes school? He has to look for work. What can he do? I always look at the need and find a solution. It's a life-cycle approach for a special person."

With Andre, now in his 30s: He helped her discover herself

Back then, the need to find treatment for Andre compelled her and her husband to consider living in the United States. But a family friend, Fr. Jaime Bulatao, S.J., who heads the Ateneo de Manila's Psychology Department, gave them food for thought.

Therese recalls the priest's counsel, "Mariter, you have a whole life. If you decide to go abroad and uproot yourself from the Philippines, then your husband will have to get another job while he's there. Here, he has an MBA from the Asian Institute of Management and has a good job with Delta (now Toyota) Motors.

"Your family is composed of your husband, yourself, and your three children. Andre is not your only child."

Andre's younger siblings, Alex and Maria Eliza, were only a few years younger than him. Therese considered. She only had one question: "But if we stay here, who can help us?"

Fr. Bulatao referred them to Cupertino's child psychiatrist Adoracion Tañega who prescribed meditation to calm Andre down and engaged him in a special tutorial. Tañega also encouraged Therese, who wanted to learn all that she could about her son's condition to help him, to take up graduate studies in Special Education.

Therese later harbored dreams of putting up an experimental therapeutic clinic specifically for special children who are autistic, distinct from other schools meant for kids with Down's Syndrome, for example. Today, she admits, "It was part of my desire not to have my son labeled. I didn't have any inkling of what a special school is. We just wanted a therapeutic center for the autistic and Dr. Tañega was willing to volunteer her services without charge."

But financial difficulties finally closed the school, by which time Therese was willing to accept that her son would have to fit in in other special schools."

Her involvement in Cupertino followed soon after. A mutual friend referred her to the learning institution when it needed a directress. Taking in the vast grounds, fresh air, and privacy of the subdivision, Therese saw the school's "potential" and decided to stay. As Executive Director, she got Cupertino its accreditation from the then Department of Education, Culture, and Sports. She also expanded Cupertino to accept students up to the sixth grade level.

Spreading her wings

Therese spread her wings in other areas as well. After getting her doctorate in Educational Administration at the University of the Philippines, she is now a senior professor at the Graduate School of Miriam College.

As Cupertino's head, she has helped parents to be more accepting of their special children's condition. "New clinics are sprouting and parents who can afford it go to these schools," she notes. "Ordinary schools also have special schools as part of their set-up. But Cupertino has been around for 40 years; we are one of the few that did not fold up.

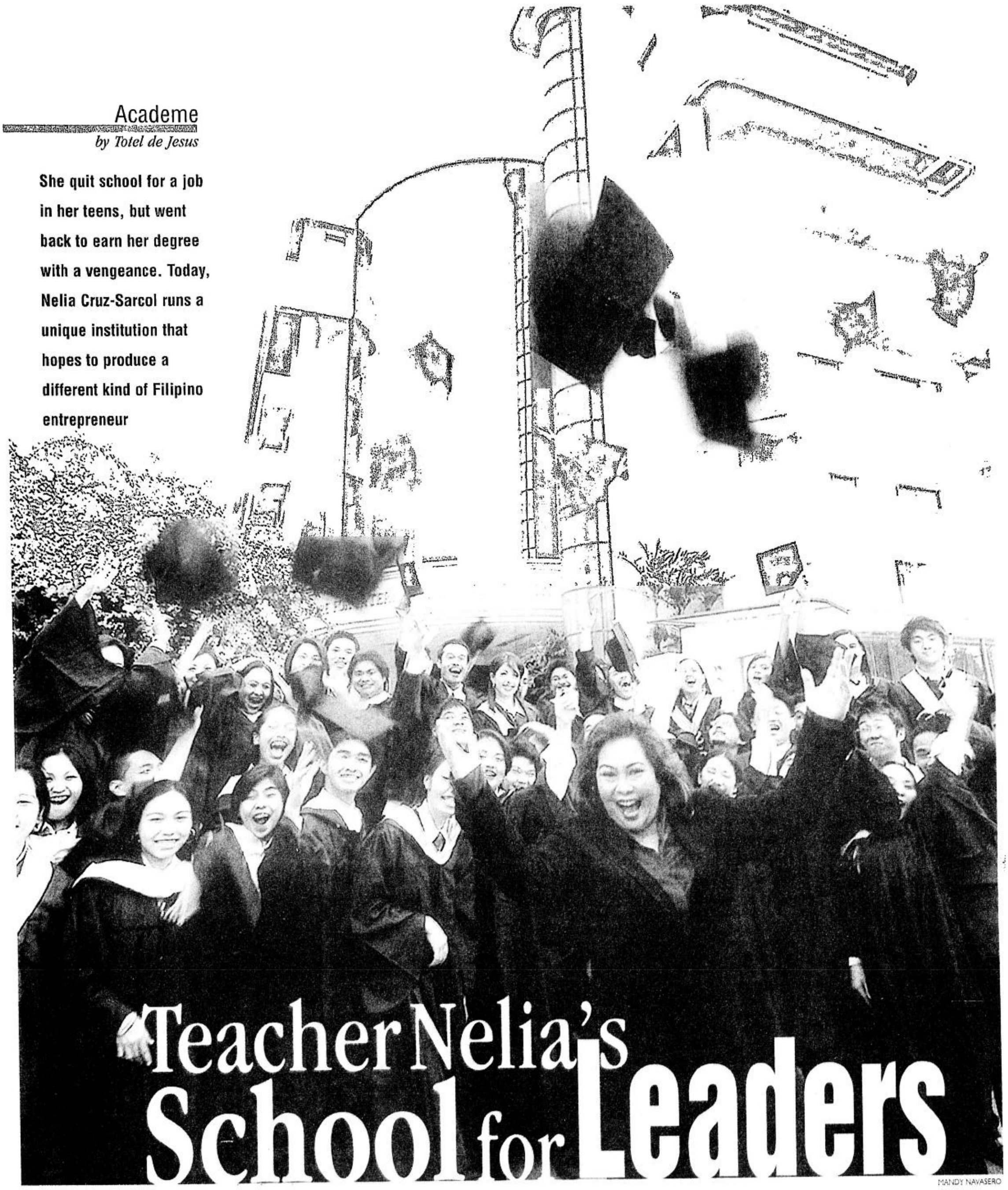
"We believe in early intervention. Children should have therapy or help as early as possible. One theory has it that the brain stops growing at 18, although the learning does not end there. After 18, the person can still absorb information, but not as fast."

Cupertino has also created two programs to help special children become more productive members of society. One teaches them art and music, while another encourages the creation of papier mache, which once sold, can translate into income for their special makers.

Thirty years ago, Therese asked Fr. Bulatao why God gave her a special child. The Jesuit answered that in time He will show her. Today, this special mother for special children knows why. "Andre has improved from being the hyper-active child who cannot read nor write. Without Andre, I would have remained a housewife. Now I have discovered myself and it changed my life entirely."

by Totel de Jesus

She quit school for a job in her teens, but went back to earn her degree with a vengeance. Today, Nelia Cruz-Sarcol runs a unique institution that hopes to produce a different kind of Filipino entrepreneur



Teacher Nelia's School for Leaders

MANDY NAVASERO

I FLEW to Cebu to meet Professor Nelia Cruz Sarcol, founder of the Center for International Education Global Colleges (CIE), expecting to meet a formidable woman. The lady has received many accolades from premiere universities. In the *"Cadena de Amor"* revival at the University of the Philippines, Diliman in 1999, she was recognized as one of UP's Most Distinguished Alumnae. Northwood University, USA, honored her in its Distinguished Woman International Category for Year 2003 for her leadership. The Asian Institute of Management (AIM) also gave her the Honor and Prestige Award during the Grand Alumni Homecoming in 2004. This year, 2005, it's her UST High School Alumni Association who chose her as sole recipient of the Outstanding Alumna Award.

A former flight attendant, Cruz-Sarcol resorted to plain old-fashioned hard work, fighting discouragement and selling much of what she owned—property, jewelry, everything—to build what is today considered a pioneer in the country's educational system and a fast-growing Cebu landmark.

And to think this woman used to live in a rundown house, trying to eke out a living in her younger days. "I had no bed, just an electric fan, a one-burner stove and a couple of pots and pans, but I was determined to make a success out of it," she said in a previous INQUIRER interview.

Starting off with a nursery school, Cruz-Sarcol opened CIE in June 1985 with five teachers, a secretary and a school nurse. But the University of the Philippines magna cum laude education graduate, who went back to finish her degree in 1984 after quitting school to find work in her late teens, was determined to make a success of her school for leaders. Since then she has also taken courses at the Asian Institute of Management and the Southeast Asia Interdisciplinary Development Institute, where she is a Ph.D candidate.

By 2003, she had 700 students and an imposing P200-million campus for the only International Associate Partner in the Philippines of the prestigious University of Cambridge, and one of only 27 in the world which offers a Cambridge International Diploma in the Professional and Higher Professional Levels.

When we got to the CIE campus, Cruz-Sarcol greets us with a firm handshake. Her eyes are her most striking feature. "*Hijo*, I prefer to be called Teacher Nelia than Professor. Professor seems so formal," she says.

Married to Cebu businessman William Sarcol, "Teacher Nelia" starts work as early as breakfast. We were there when Dean of College, Dr. Judith Raagas, joined her for a breakfast meeting, bringing along a boxful of paperwork for Cruz-Sarcol to work on.

But she isn't complaining. Cruz-Sarcol says her work is her hobby. "Many of my friends tell me to get a life—my reply is, this is it. My life is the school, the students, the employees. I truly enjoy their company. I am even going to the gym with them by this week!"

People-oriented

She was brought up to be that people-oriented, Cruz-Sarcol says. "There were always visitors in our house when I was growing-up. My mom was always busy assisting relatives and friends with their doctors' appointments, their children's enrolment, their purchases, their wedding parties, gowns, boarding houses. She was like an events coordinator, and our house a help-desk."

Cruz-Sarcol first had her vision for the school some 25 years ago, when she read a story about John D. Rockefeller "that changed the course of my life. "Rockefeller said, 'I had no ambition to make a fortune. Mere money-making has never been my goal. I had an ambition to build.'

"I built CIE when everyone said that it could not be done," Cruz-Sarcol says. "I actually prayed for a sign. I asked for flowers since I rarely receive flowers and there they were, three days before I signed the contract to start the construction."

Cruz-Sarcol is proud of the fact that CIE is an all-Filipino enterprise and received no foreign funding to be built. "We're very prudent with our finances, and everything we earn from school fees is plowed back to the school to further develop it."

The vision of CIE is to develop enlightened leaders and catalysts of change armed with a competitive educational background to make a difference in the world. This is a tall order, says Cruz-Sarcol, especially in a society where children are taught to look after their own needs first. Although owning an enterprise is a requirement for graduation, and students are encouraged to make a business from something they love, they are made aware that they're doing this to better their own country. At least, however, Teacher Nelia walks the talk by investing her all in her homeland. "The best way to teach the youth is to live our lives as best examples for others to follow."

Art

Kiko Escora's **Heat Stroke** will be on view until June 15 at The Drawing Room, G/F Metrostar Bldg., 1007 Metropolitan Avenue, Makati City. For more details, please contact 897-6990 or 897-7877.

In Amy Aragon's one-woman show, **Surprise Party**, at the Finale Art Gallery, SM Megamall, the artist wants the audience to find the connection between her subject and the experience of seeing it. The exhibit will run until June 17.

With an exhibit entitled **Erasure**, Joy Dayrit paints images on canvas with the intention of erasing them. The dialectic of process—eliminating what is present and presenting what has been eliminated—is seen in the ways her white canvases are juxtaposed against the gallery's white-washed walls. "Erasure" will run until June 30 at the Mag:net Gallery Paseo, G/F Paseo Center, Paseo de Roxas cor. SedeNo Sts., Makati City. For inquiries, call Genevieve at 817-7895 or e-mail magnet@pldtdls.net.

"Dusk" by Kiko Escora, on exhibit in "Heat Stroke," at The Drawing Room

Music

Music teachers Lesley Faye Bello Verayo and Baby Dimaano-Samonte present **Tiklado, Tinig at Kwerdas Summer Recital** on June 5, 2 p.m., at the Sor Catalina Ledesma Recital Hall, Sta. Isabel College, Taft Ave., Manila. Kids ages 4-15 demonstrate exceptional musical prowess with sounds from the Classical, Romantic, Baroque, Contemporary and Pop genres. Recitalists include Kirby Asunto, Raine Bello, Claudine Cruz, Ino and Julia Gomez, Jessica Lara, Hannah Lee, Joshua Marco, Kyla Mina, Maribeth de Perio, Jay Sacaben, Raisa Santiago, Vincenzo, Vittorio and Claudia Tagle, Denise Tan, and Jolo and Jason Verayo. E-mail sowela_atrskul@yahoo.com.

The delicate flavors of the season's white asparagus spears at The Peninsula Manila

Angono talents take center stage once again on June 5, starting 5 p.m., in **Concert at the Park**, featuring Teatro Kalayaan, Ang Nuno Dance Troupe, Ars Noveau and ARPS Rondalla, in Kalikasan, Sining at Kultura. Concert at the Park, aired every Sunday on Channel 4 at 5 p.m., is held at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium, Manila. Admission is free.

Satya, a group of promising young jazz musicians from Berklee College of Music in Boston, will be performing on June 6 at the Harbor Garden in **Synesthesia: A Fusion of the Senses**. There will be cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner show at 8 p.m. For tickets, contact Asia Society Foundation of the Philippines at 752-4374, info@asiasoc.org.ph, or The Westin Philippine Plaza at 832-6999.

Fiesta San Miguel features this June Retro Night with Route 70 on Mondays, Men N' Beer Night with Mocha with Spin Art on Tuesdays, Bernie Uy on Wednesdays, Myxtreme back to back with Silk on Thursdays, K24/7 and Passage on Fridays, and '90s Night with Kearney Street on Saturdays. Enjoy Tuesdays' Men N' Beer Nights with unlimited beer for three hours for only P330+. Happy Hour beer-all-you-can freshly brewed beer happens daily, Mondays through Saturdays, 5:30-9 p.m., also at P330+. Call 867-8888.

Cinema

Catch these at the **UP Film Institute this June:** UPFI Welcomes Freshies (June 16, 5 p.m.), with free screening of "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress" (exclusive to the new batch of Iskolar ng Bayan); Pink Film Festival 2005 (June 8-15), global showcase of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender films(for mature viewing); French Spring Film Festival 2005 (June 21-24), Panorama of French contemporary cinema on the occasion of French Spring in Manila 2005; and Best Picture (June 28, 5 p.m.), featuring all the year's finest films from top bets for the Oscars to toasts of festivals to critics' choice. For particulars and possible added screenings, call 926-3640 (direct line), 926-2722 (telefax) or e-mail upfilminstitute@hotmail.com.

Onstage

Tanghalang Pilipino and Writers Bloc present **The First Virgin Labfest**, a theater festival of untried, untested, unpublished, unstaged works, will be held at the Dulaang Huseng Batute from June 9 to 12. Tickets are at P100. Contact Tanghalang Pilipino at 832-3661, 832-1125 loc. 1620 and 1621, or the CCP Box Office at 832-3704.

In celebration of the 107th Anniversary of the Declaration of Philippine Independence, the Department of Tourism and the Cultural Center of the Philippines present **Salinlahi** on June 11, 8 p.m. at the CCP Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo. Salinlahi is a grand asalto encapsulating the history of the Philippines through a rich tapestry of music, dances and traditions.

Food

Experience the excitement of French cuisine and music as Mandarin Oriental Manila joins in the celebration of French Spring in Manila 2005 via **Journées Gastronomiques II: A Fench Food Festival**, at the hotel's premier fine-dining restaurant The Tivoli from June 6 to 19. There will be Jazz Night with the Jaime Oehlers Quartet on June 2 at 7 p.m. at the Captain's Bar, with a P400 consumable cover charge on food and beverage; a two-day cooking workshop on French culinary methods and techniques on June 9 and 10, 10:30 a.m., for P1,500+ per day inclusive of a three-course lunch at The Tivoli; and an exquisite seven-course gala dinner on June 10, starting 6:30 p.m., at P2,900+. For reservations and enquiries, call 750-8888 ext. 2431 and 2432 (Tivoli), 2400 or 2401 (Cooking Class) and 2417 or 2418 (Captain's Bar).

The Peninsula Manila will be flying in **white asparagus spears** fresh from Baden and Rheinland Pfalz in Southern Germany for its food festival. The delicate white asparagus is the most luxurious of all asparagus varieties and has a full-flavored delicious taste. Come to The Peninsula Manila's Old Manila restaurant and savor the delicate flavors of the season's white asparagus spears, only until June 11. For inquiries or reservations, call The Peninsula Manila at 887-2888, ext. 2953 and 2949 (Old Manila) or 2205 (Restaurant Reservations).

The New World Renaissance Hotel's stylish resto Bocarinos presents **Cucina Simpatica**, Comfort Food, Italian Style, on until June 18. Offering a selection of delectable dishes that warms the stomach as well as the heart, Cucina Simpatica is featured in the lunch and dinner Perfect Bite menu at Bocarinos at P765+ per person. Bocarinos is open Mondays to Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.; Saturdays 6-10 p.m. For more information and reservations, call the New World Renaissance Hotel at 811-6888.

Available at Manila's **premier Italian restaurant Paparazzi** are the signature tiramisu with coffee cream and authentic Espresso zabaglione, a creamy mixture of egg yolks, sugar, wine and imported coffee, whipped in a copper pot. The Lobby Lounge's divine dessert selection includes vanilla and chocolate brulee, the nougat, homemade fudge and Turkish delight tripod, and mango and mascarpone stack pudding. These decadent creations are also available in the privacy of the guest's room through the hotel's Private Dining. For inquiries, call Restaurant Reservations at 633-8888 ext. 2738 and 2739.

Sizzle and enjoy the romance of strawberries this summer at The Westin Philippine Plaza's Café Plaza Too. Celebrate this wonderful season with two complementary glasses of Champagne for every bowl of luscious strawberries that you order. For reservations, please call 551-5555 ext. 1529.

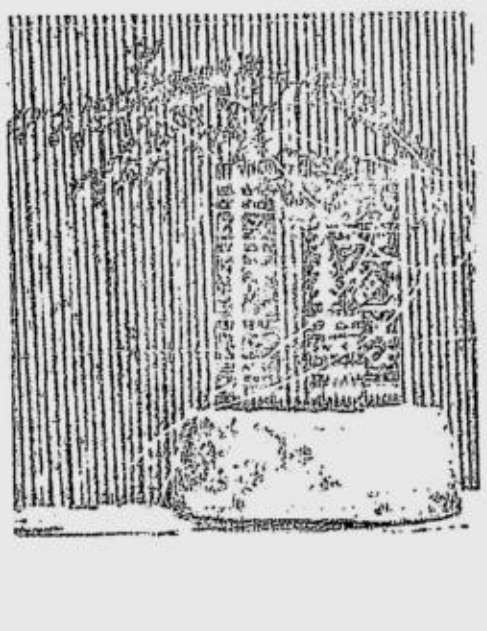
Atbp

LRI Business Plaza, with its furniture showrooms, galleries and support establishments, will have a **mid-year sale** until June 6. The LRI will be open on Sundays, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. A home and accents big sale corner at 2/F LRI will be set-up to accommodate items offered at 30 percent discount. Mandy Navasero Photo Studio, located at Rm. 227, LRI Business Plaza, 210 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel Air II, Makati City, offers P500 for a photo shoot for individual or family portrait, with one 8 x 10 color print and a CD Rom. For festival details call LRI Business Plaza at 895-5470 or 895-1772.

Tanghalang Pilipino's "The First Virgin Labfest," onstage at the Dulaang Huseng Batute

Yoga teacher Liza Magsaysay-Dyogi and nutritionist Sonia E. Beato will speak at a **seminar-workshop on yoga and nutrition for women** on June 11, 2-5 p.m., at Donada Art Gallery located at 2/F Eagle Star Condominium, F. dela Rosa St., Loyola Heights, Quezon City. Call 920-8858, 922-2759, 645-2564 or 0917-6243045 for details and reservations. Slots are limited.

The **12th Telecommunication and Accessories Bazaar** will be held simultaneously with the 3rd Korea In Focus and the Home Builders Exposition from June 10 to July 2 at the Greenhills Shopping Complex in San Juan. Manufacturers, dealers, distributors, importers/exporters, and other traders are invited to participate in this exhibit. Interested parties can visit the Prime Asia Trade Planners and Convention Organizers at the G/F Blue Men's Bldg., 707 Urduja St., Barangay Village, Sucat Road, Parañaque City, and coordinate with over-all coordinator Ariel Villanueva, tel. 820-3862, 826-8162 and 826-6732.



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The Asia Pacific Film Institute opens its doors to applicants interested in taking up **Basic Motion Picture Production (Batch 2)**. Personal interviews will begin on June 13-17. Please fill up the on line application form at our website: www.asiapacificfilm.com. Deadline of enrollment is on June 30. Courses include: Basic Course in Motion Picture Production (Batch 02): SY July 11, 2005-January 07, 2006; and Advanced Course in Motion Picture Production (Batch 01): SY June 06, 2005-March 31, 2006. Asia Pacific Film Institute is at 185 Edsa, Brgy. Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, call 725-5129, fax 727-5129 or e-mail study@asiapacificfilm.com.

With the intense competition brought about by trendy animés and other foreign children's shows, **Chikiting Patrol** revitalized itself to cater real entertainment for kids. Philippines' long-running kids' program fearlessly introduces a funky new logo, sassier jingle, brand new segments and fresh bunch of hosts. Don't forget to tune in for some exciting entertainment every Saturday at 9 a.m. on ABC.

Hip Dance Studio offers **gymnastics workshop for kids and teens**, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 19 Dao St.,cor.Tindalo St.,Quirino 3A,Proj. 3,Q.C. Fee is P1,500 for eight sessions. Call 435-5006 / 0921-5392143.

"Tiklado, Tinig at Kwerdas" Summer Recital at Sta. Isabel College

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Rachy Cuna, floral architect of the Philippines, as well as artist and art patron, design icon and philanthropist, will unveil his collection of artwork at The Gallery, 1 Tai Chang Street, Beijing.. The exhibit will run from June 8 to June 15.

The local government of Pampanga and Philtrade Exhibits mount **The Jobs Fair Caravan 2005** on June 11-17 at Robinsons Starmills Pampanga, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more details, please call 825-3482, 825-0804 or text 0920-5578561.

Surprise Dad this **Father's Day** with a weekend trip to any of three exceptional venues managed by Fuego Hotels: Taal Vista Hotel in Tagaytay, the exclusive Club Punta Fuego in Batangas, or the beautiful Pearl Farm Beach Resort in Davao. For inquiries and reservations, call Taal Vista Hotel at (02)751-3088/89 or (02)886-4325, Pearl Farm Beach Resort at (02)750-1896/98 or (02)893-2093, and Club Punta Fuego at 843-8700 or (043)729-0180 to 82.

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der an outreach program called Munting Sambayanang Kristiyano (MSK).

"We go to the fields and preach the word of God," he says. "It is heartening to see people begin to hear Mass and renew their faith in Him."

Conversion

Villaruel says he himself had undergone a conversion of sorts. He now shuns the *tupada* (roadside cockfighting), and has once told Fr. Puti about the fate of his prized fighting cocks: "*Ang mga manok ko,* Father, *nasa* refrigerator *na* (They're now frozen chickens)."

But as much as Fr. Puti's supporters defend him, the priest's detractors are as vocal against him. Agdangan's folks have been polarized by Fr. Enriquez' call for a clear community stand against gambling, a compulsive activity which draws people away from productive endeavors and keeps them from spending time with their families.

Fr. Puti is firm on his position that Agdangan can show that the fight against pervasive gambling can be won no matter how strong the powers who support it. In a battle that can be won through individual choices. he has called upon another church supporter and long-time Legion of Mary volunteer, Epitacia T. Llaga's, to exert her influence on people who have recently put up a "*tupada*" on a lot her family owns.

"Father wants to clean up Agdangan," she says. "But perhaps the decision on gambling is best left to the people."

Gregorio Valle, Jr., 62-year-old principal of E. Licup Elementary School and chairman of the Parish Council for Economic Affairs in the area, sees a parallel between the building of the Sanctuary and the cleansing of Agdangan. "The tower will give us a sense of pride and increase our faith," he says. "It's like a beautiful dream. People will come to Agdangan when they hear about the Sanctuary. They will know that the Stairway to Heaven is right here," he says, referring to the story of how Agdangan got its name.

According to lore, the name Agdangan was derived from "*hagdan-hagdan,*" in reference to the formation of rocks in the hinterlands that resembles a stairway. The rock formation leads into a circular pond. The pond, Valle says. quoting Fr. Puti, is in the shape of the holy host. With the steps leading to it, the pond bears resemblance to the Luminous Cross of Grace Sanctuary which also has steps leading to the adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Like the water in the pond, the Eucharist also brings about a cleansing.

Once built, the Sanctuary can lead to the cleansing of the community spirit in Agdangan, says Valle, and redeem Fr. Puti's dream at last.

Community volunteers and church supporters are now raising funds and rendering their services to build the Luminous Cross of Grace Sanctuary bayanihan style. They are enjoining others to take part in it and are requesting those interested to call Dr. Paz Carandang at 815-9911, local 2367; Ms. Aia Halili, 997-4855, 8a.m. to 5p.m., Mondays to Fridays; 09186618581; 09159928421, or e-mail luminouscross@yahoo.com or luminouscrossofgrace@yahoo.com

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